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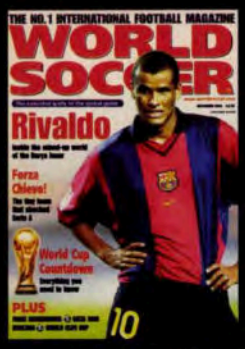


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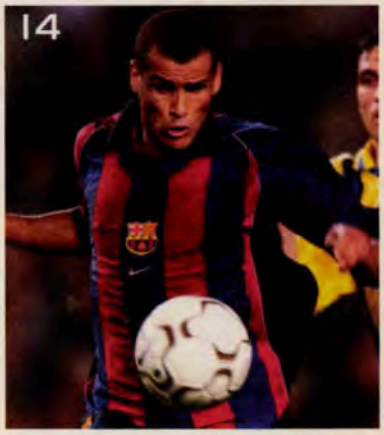

IT'S that time of the year when we are all made to look a little silly. Full marks to all those who predicted Chievo's remarkable rise to the top of Serie A (see page 4). Or that Manchester United would get the defensive wobbles. Or that the likes of Sparta Prague, Nantes, Boavista and Panathinaikos would qualify for the Champions League second group phase at the expense of Lazio and Borussia Dortmund (see page 39).

For the good of the game, it is great to cover such stories. It makes for good copy, after all. But I suspect that, somehow, the natural order will have been restored come April and the European Cup quarter-finals.

However, there have been other stories that may have a longer impact. The rise of Celta Vigo and Galician football is one (page 30); Chung Mong-joon's controversial book on the co-hosting of the World Cup (page 24) is another.

There is still time to vote in the *World Soccer* awards for world player, coach and team of the year (see coupon, page 22). Full details of the results next month.

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On a high...Chievo midfielder Christian Manfredini

# Watch out for flying donkeys

## Paddy Agnew on the amazing tale of Chievo

"And Chievo?" All over Italy this autumn, or so it seems, that two-word question is on the lips of football fans, experts and commentators alike. Implicit in the question are two queries – 1) How long can the 'fairytale' last?; and 2) How does one explain the fact that a Serie A 'new entry', a tiny club from the Verona boondocks, are cocking a snook at Juventus, Roma, Inter et al from atop Serie A?

The Chievo success story is the very stuff of modern football legend. Based in the small Verona suburb of Chievo, a *quartiere* with just 2,430 inhabitants, this is the sort of club that you might expect to find doing well in a regional amateur league, played of a Sunday morning.

Indeed, until their arrival in Serie C2 in 1986, Chievo were an amateur club and one that had been founded along Sunday morning kickaround lines by a group of friends back in 1929. Since 1986, however, Chievo have climbed through three divisions on a meteoric trajectory that has taken even their most loyal supporters by surprise.

When striker Massimo Marazzina scored the first of three goals with which Chievo beat Torino in late October to go four (repeat, four) points clear at the top of the table, he immediately rushed over to the corner flag. Pulling the flag out of the ground, he stood astride it as if it were a magic broom, and was soon joined in that irreverent position by various team-mates.

That little gesture tells a story that reveals much about the rise and rise of Chievo. A couple of seasons ago when Chievo clashed in a Second Division derby with better known Verona team Hellas Verona (winners of the 1985 Serie A title), the Hellas Verona fans thought to taunt their upstart rivals with a derisive banner: "When

donkeys can fly, then Chievo and Verona will meet in a Serie A derby."

Marazzina's corner flag gesture was a reference to flying donkeys. Such has been the Chievo run at the top that, just now, football experts all over Italy are ducking low and often to avoid the flying donkeys. Even if it is highly unlikely that Chievo will be anywhere near the top of the table next May, their performance so far has brought a wry smile to many faces, reinforcing the old adage that, sometimes at least, willpower, enthusiasm and commitment can compensate for technical and financial shortcomings.

Inevitably, the Chievo rise and rise has prompted an overdose of fanciful Italian media analysis, with 'fairytale' and 'Cinderella' being the not too original but most used epithets. This is not the sort of talk that appeals much to coach Luigi Del Neri, formerly a tough, battling midfielder with Udinese and himself a Serie A debutant as coach. "Would people stop talking all this saccharine stuff about fairytales. There is no fable here. Chievo is the result of hard work, on a daily basis," he said recently.

Hard work, the enthusiasm and energy of the debutant, lack of pressure and a less demanding calendar than their more famous rivals, involved in mid-week Champions League and UEFA Cup games, all certainly provide a rational explanation for the Chievo success story. All those factors applied to similar success stories for Atalanta last season and for Vicenza back in 1996, who both briefly topped the table.

Such analysis, however, hardly does justice to a club that is nothing if not a David in a world of mega-Goliaths. While Chievo are justifiably proud of having signed up more than 4,700 season ticket holders this year, the Milans, Romas and Inters of Serie A can all claim more than 10 times as many season ticket fans.

Whereas Chievo will be more than delighted with the estimated £5million-worth of TV rights money earned this season, Juventus are currently on a five-year pay-TV deal worth at least 12 times that much, and that does not take into account Champions League earnings this season.

Such statistical differences, however, mean little when Chievo take to the field, as seen in wins against Fiorentina, Bologna, Piacenza, Udinese, Parma and Torino. Built around a 4-4-2 line-up that uses a zonal defence much given to playing the offside trap, Chievo make the most of a hard-running, hard-chasing, combative style that leads them to pick up a lot of yellow cards.

Unlike many Serie A debutants, Chievo did not mark their arrival in the First Division with the purchase of big-name foreigners. Rather, they stuck both to the side that earned promotion last season and to the fiscal stringency enforced by club president, 33-year-old Luca Campedelli, head of Paluani, a company that makes Verona's celebrated 'Pandoro' Christmas cakes.

Therefore, this Chievo is mighty similar to last season's team with only two 'new boys' regularly picked – ex-Bari midfielder Simone Perrotta and ex-Roma reserve goalkeeper Cristiano Lupatelli. Another of this summer's signings, ex-Reggina striker Massimo Marazzina, has in fact returned home to the club where he had played for four seasons from 1996 to 2000.

As for the money spent, prices such as £1.3m for Lupatelli, £1m for Perrotta, £1.2m for Brazilian Eriberto (he was on loan last season from Bologna), £1m for Marazzina are hardly earth-shattering by modern Serie A standards.

"I don't have £100million to spend and therefore I spend what I've got and I try hard to spend it well," says Campedelli, who is fast becoming legendary for his laid-back approach to his club's sudden notoriety.

"What really pleases me is that the demand for our *Pandori* [Christmas cakes] keeps going up and that makes me much happier than being top of Serie A.

"What really worries me about our success is all the time I have to spend talking to reporters. I have a business to run and at this stage what I'll have to do is hire a temporary president to do all the interviews while I get on with the pre-Christmas rush on our cakes," Campedelli told *La Repubblica*.

The club president's views are echoed by his players, with long-time Chievo stalwart, 32-year-old defender Maurizio D'Angelo, telling *Gazzetta Dello Sport*: "When we were in C2, the club begged a reporter to watch us once a week to give the players the impression that the press was interested in us. Nowadays, we are under siege."

'All last season in Serie B, people kept on asking when we would blow up. But we didn't, even if lots of people were hoping we would' – *Chievo coach Luigi Del Neri (above)*

The journey that some of the current Chievo team have made from those C2 days to Serie A also goes a long way to explaining the success story. Players such as talented left-sided midfielder Christian Manfredini have become inebriated with the unfamiliar elixir of week-in, week-out clashes with the Shevchenkos, Del Pieros and Batistutas of Serie A.

Others such as influential captain and former Juventus midfielder Eugenio Corini have a point to prove after previous Serie A disappointments.

Between them, they have formed a wickedly effective cocktail.

In the process, the club may also have embarrassed more famous rivals with their sound soccer-business know-how. One man who believes that Chievo represent a raw nerve for Italy's mightiest names is former Milan star Gianni Rivera, who suggested recently: "Chievo to some extent represents the bad conscience of the big clubs. I would like to think that the big clubs could learn from Chievo but I have my doubts. All the big clubs start off these days with 30-plus players and then they get rid of at least 10 of them and among those rejects are bound to be players who, in a less pressurised environment, begin to play really well."

And Chievo have been playing really well. Furthermore, they have been running really hard, so much so that expert opinion is convinced that the little team will "blow up", sooner or later (perhaps in December, when they play Milan, Inter and Roma).

Coach Del Neri is less convinced, saying recently: "All last season in Serie B, people kept on asking when we would blow up. There were stronger clubs than us in Serie B, some of them came up and some stayed down. We were out in front, we had a logical slowing down but we didn't blow up, even if lots of people were hoping we would."

Even if Del Neri is all too aware that his club's success story may well get under the skin of famous rivals, he freely admits too that thousands of fans all over Italy are wishing Chievo well: "It's true, you cannot deny that we've become a symbol for some, even if we are only a football club. Not everyone in this life is a millionaire. We've proved that we can still pull off some useful results."

Not too many people would argue with that. In the meantime, remember to watch out for flying donkeys.

New problem for the Old Lady...Perrotta (right) outruns the Juve defence

● 08/10/01...Fiorentina are reported to be targeting Maurizio Ganz as a replacement for the injured Enrico Chiesa

● 09/10/01...UEFA admits to being increasingly concerned by the poor TV ratings of the Champions League, after only 15,000 UK pay-TV viewers watch Arsenal's game against Panathinaikos

● 10/10/01...It is suggested that Pablo Aimar, a £17million signing by Valencia earlier in the year, could be sold after failing to hold down a first-team place and following the departure of coach Hector Cuper

# Bayern's Latin connection

## Nick Bidwell previews the World Club Cup Final in Tokyo

Latin influence...Paraguay's Roque Santa Cruz gives Bayern Munich extra options in attack

IN A WAY, the forthcoming World Club Cup Final on November 27 is a case of South America meets South America.

After all, the 40th edition of the competition pits Libertadores Cup holders Boca Juniors of Argentina against UEFA Champions League winners Bayern Munich and their quartet of South American attacking talent: the Brazilians Giovane Elber and Paulo Sergio, Paraguayan Roque Santa Cruz and Claudio Pizarro from Peru.

Traditionally, Europe's finest do not treat the World Club Cup, also known as the Intercontinental Cup and Toyota Cup, with as much intensity as their South American counterparts, looking on the Tokyo event as a major inconvenience in an already crowded fixture calendar; an opportunity to do sushi and go shopping for the latest audio-visual gadgetry.

But the four proud Latinos in the Bayern ranks bring a more positive attitude to the fixture. They will ensure there is no holding back in the European champions' front line.

Elber, for one, does not look upon the big match as a Tokyo turn-off. Despite a few twinges in the left knee that was operated on last April, he is raring to face Boca and sees the game as the ideal means to push his claims for a place in Brazil's starting line-up.

"The World Club Cup is a very important fixture in South America, and a good performance from me, a goal or two, will do no harm at all to my chances of selection for Brazil," says Elber, who was only on the bench when his country beat Chile in a recent World Cup qualifier.

"I know Brazil coach Scolari normally scans the German press and watches Bayern matches on television. But the match with Boca offers me an even greater opportunity to stake my claim. My aim is to be a regular Brazilian international in time for next year's World Cup finals.

Settling in...Claudio Pizarro

# The month in pictures

● 12/10/01...Inter's Alvaro Recoba has his ban for passport irregularities commuted and will be free to play in a fortnight

● 13/10/01...Newly-promoted Torino pull off an amazing comeback in the Turin derby, coming back from 3-0 down to draw 3-3

● 13/10/01...Gerard Houllier undergoes emergency heart surgery after complaining of chest pains during Liverpool's home game against Leeds

**Staking his claim...Giovane Elber has his eye on Brazil's World Cup squad**

"I've never been in such good form for Bayern as I am at the moment. I'm working differently. I'm not running around as much as I used to. I'm staying more in the box and saving my energy for shooting. Everything is going well, but the best is yet to come from me."

Last summer, concerns over their players' security led to Bayern refusing to release Elber and Pizarro for the Copa America in Colombia ("The Copa is a Mickey Mouse event," said Bayern's ever-colourful general manager, Uli Hoeness).

However, Pizarro, a big-money summer signing from Werder Bremen, has no intention of missing out this time. "I would have given anything to win the Libertadores Cup with my old Peruvian club Alianza Lima and then play in the World Club Cup Final," reveals Pizarro, who looks to be firing on all cylinders again after a sluggish start to life at Bayern.

"So it goes without saying that I'm very much looking forward to helping Bayern beat Boca Juniors for the world title. Bayern are the sort of club who want to win every competition they enter. Who wouldn't want to be called the best club in the world?

● In contrast to Bayern, Boca are a club in some turmoil, *writes Eric Weil*.

Though they will be representing South America for the second year running, their team will be quite a bit weaker than when they won the World Club Cup last year.

They can still line up eight of the 13 players who were on view in Tokyo in 2000, but some of the key men have gone, transferred to other clubs, mostly in Europe. They include striker Martin Palermo, who scored both goals in the opening six minutes in the 2-1 victory over Real Madrid last year.

Colombian international keeper Oscar Cordoba is still there, but the defence has been decimated with the sale of captain Jorge Bermudez (another Colombian), Argentinian international reserve Hugo Ibarra and the promising Anibal Matellan.

With all the departures, far too much has been left on the young shoulders of Juan Roman Riquelme, who also wants to leave, but whose transfer to Barcelona has been delayed until the end of the year.

Joining the list of wantaways is coach Carlos Bianchi, who has become increasingly disenchanted with the club's financial problems and says he will not renew his contract when it expires in December.

Some major figures remain, however. Colombian international Mauricio Serna is a key man in central midfield, as is Cristian Traverso.

But in attack Guillermo Barros Schelotto and Marcelo Delgado have yet to gel, while Japanese international Naohiro Takahara has not yet settled in. He may make an appearance in Tokyo, a move that would please the sponsors and the Olympic stadium crowds more than the Boca faithful.

## NOTES AND QUOTES

**"We won't allow FIFA or Arsenal to deny fans the chance to see an Australian A team. This is an act of malevolence by arrogant, self-indulgent clubs, in particular Arsenal."**
*FIFA's suggestion that Australia and France pick only one player per club for their controversial friendly does not go down well with Soccer Australia chief executive Ian Holmes.*

**"Everyone should shut up, pack and play football."**
*Roda JC boss Georges Leekens makes it clear his side will travel to Israel for their UEFA Cup tie with Maccabi Tel Aviv.*

**"Emile has given us the impression that he is not doing everything to get fit."**
*Schalke general manager Rudi Assauer suspends and freezes part of the salary of the club's Belgian striker, Emile Mpenza.*

**"Depor fans love me for my style of play; I can't return their love if I don't play."**
*Unsettled Deportivo star Djalminha reads Mills and Boon.*

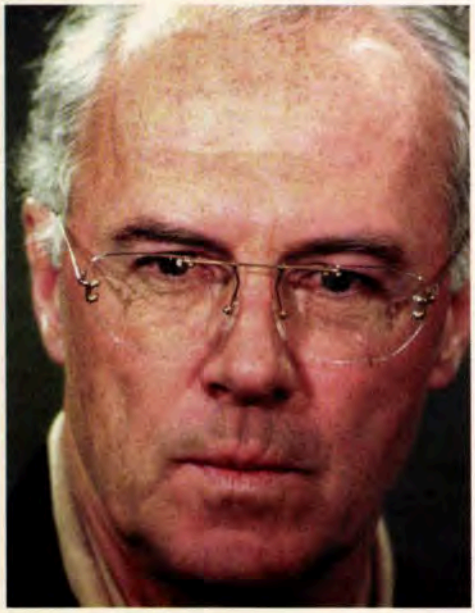
**Love message...Deportivo's Djalminha**

● 15/10/01...Schalke forward Emile Mpenza is suspended after coach Huub Stevens accuses him of being unprofessional

● 16/10/01...Michel Platini rules himself out as a candidate for the UEFA presidency

● 17/10/01...Deportivo La Coruna come from behind to beat Manchester United 3-2 at Old Trafford and put themselves in the driving seat in Champions League Group G

● 18/10/01...1860 Munich sack coach Werner Lorant after nine years in charge. The decision comes following the 5-1 defeat by city rivals Bayern



# Q & A: Franz Beckenbauer

## Der Kaiser talks to Keir Radnedge

'Without a new stadium, Munich would not have been able to host any of the 2006 World Cup matches – and the rest of the world would have laughed at us'

FRANZ BECKENBAUER, whatever the state of the German game, bears the ultimate stamp of authority. Der Kaiser captained Germany to World Cup victory in 1974 and coached them to glory in 1990. He then raced through the corridors of power to become president of Bayern Munich, vice-president of the German federation and chairman of the organising committee for the 2006 World Cup – which the Germans will host.

He remains the most popular figure in German football for the media and sponsors. Thus he has just signed a two-year, £350,000 contract to advertise the German Post Office savings bank – an appropriate tie-up since his father worked for the post office back in the 1960s.

Proof of the continuing magic of Beckenbauer's Midas touch came again last month. Virtually single-handedly, he persuaded a majority of Munich's citizens to back Bayern's controversial plan to quit the world-famous Olympic stadium and build a new home of their own – in partnership with neighbours 1860 Munich.

**WORLD SOCCER: People outside Germany will find it inconceivable that you want to take Bayern out of one of the world's great stadia.**

FRANZ BECKENBAUER: The Olympic stadium may have been built only in the early 1970s but it was clear for a long time it had no future. For many reasons it is not good enough for modern football and today's fans. Clearly the vast majority of the people of Munich agree with us. Without a new stadium Munich would not have been able to host any games in the 2006 World Cup. The rest of the world would have laughed at us – and Bavarians would have been able to watch the Cup only on television. If the vote had gone against us we were prepared to move out of Munich altogether and just call ourselves FC Bayern. That's how serious it was.

**Back to fall-out from the World Cup qualifiers – should Rudi Voller stay as national coach?**

I have great faith in Rudi Voller – despite the problems. Voller has a contract through to the summer of next year and it is imperative he sees it through. We have already come a long way since Euro 2000. But our biggest problem is we don't have enough players of international class. We should not fool ourselves. We are not one of the world's top teams any more. I think we can give anyone a reasonable game but we are not anywhere near good enough to win the top prizes. You cannot blame Rudi Voller – he can work only with the players he has.

**Ottmar Hitzfeld, your coach at Bayern, has been tipped as a future national coach. Is that a possibility?**

I am always being asked this. Ottmar and I want to grow old together at Bayern. That is why I have already offered him a new role when he no longer wants the day-to-day responsibility of being first-team coach. We want him, in the long term, to manage the entire coaching staff of the club, in the British style.

**Has Oliver Bierhoff been the right national captain?**

Bierhoff has a good record as a centre-forward but I don't understand why Voller wanted to keep him as captain. The captain has to have authority and the respect of his team-mates. Bierhoff doesn't have any of that because he's too much of an individualist. At least six Bayern players, who have won almost everything, are in the national squad. What can he tell them about football? Personally, I would prefer to see our Bayern goalkeeper, Oliver Kahn, as Germany's captain.

**Do players earn too much money now, compared with your day?**

Certainly it is a different world for players nowadays. But it depends on the individual. For example, Michael Jordan earns $100million a year but continues to play basketball and remains a modest human being. The trouble for today's footballers is they have too many distractions. We used to get our old players coming to watch training with football magazines in their hands. Now, more often than not, they are checking the share prices.

**How do you rate England?**

Since Sven Goran Eriksson took over, England have been fantastic. The great thing about England is that they have so many talented young players which means they will be a top team for many years to come. England will be contenders next summer, and by the 2006 World Cup they could be the best team in the world. I have never seen England play better than they did in Munich. They had pace, aggression, movement and skill. Michael

# The month in pictures

● 19/10/01...Brazilian forward Edmundo joins lowly J.League First Division side Tokyo Verdy 1969

● 21/10/01...Andrii Shevchenko (left) scores twice as Milan come from 1-0 down to beat Internazionale 4-2. The win puts Fatih Terim's side second in the Serie A table, two points behind Chievo

Owen was unstoppable. His finishing was unbelievable. It will not be easy for any European side in Japan and South Korea, but if England maintain the form they showed against us, they have as good a chance as anyone.

**Bayern qualified for the second group stage of the Champions League and are challenging again at the top of the Bundesliga. Did you expect that?**
Honestly, no. I have been pleasantly surprised with our form and results this season. I was afraid after winning the Champions League and the Bundesliga last season that our players would be complacent. But they recognised that danger and have worked to overcome it. We're probably playing even better now than we were at the end of last season, even though we've had injuries to Mehmet Scholl, Stefan Effenberg and Jens Jeremies. Maybe we play the most attractive football when our German players are injured and we use all our Brazilians, Paraguayans and Peruvians. You have to be impressed by their artistic approach to the game.

**Is it your ambition to become president of FIFA?**
That does not interest me at all. Once the 2006 World Cup finals are over I'll go and do something completely different – like climbing mountains.

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**Schmeichel (Aston Villa, 3 votes); Puyol (Barcelona, 3), Coloccini (Alaves, 2), Ferdinand (Leeds, 5), Riise (Liverpool, 3); Manfredini (Chievo, 3), Totti (Roma, 4), Rivaldo (Barcelona, 2); Elber (Bayern Munich, 6), Diego Tristan (Deportivo La Coruna, 4), Henry (Arsenal, 2)**

**GAZZETTA DELLO SPORT (Ita)**

Antonioli (Roma); Kuffour (Bayern Munich), Thuram (Juventus), Samuel (Roma), Riise (Liverpool); Manfredini (Chievo), Vieira (Arsenal), Veron (Manchester United), Totti (Roma); Raul (Real Madrid), Rivaldo (Barcelona)

**VOETBAL MAGAZINE (Blg)**

Schmeichel (Aston Villa); Ismael (Lens), Ferdinand (Leeds), Hengen (Kaiserslautern), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid); Beckham (Manchester United), D'Amico (Lille), Baggio (Brescia), Manfredini (Chievo); Elber (Bayern Munich), Diego Tristan (Deportivo La Coruna)

**KICKER (Ger)**

Cech (Sparta Prague); Puyol (Barcelona), Henriksen (Panathinaikos), Ferdinand (Leeds), Riise (Liverpool); Eriberto (Chievo), Tommasi (Roma), Schneider (Bayer Leverkusen), Sergen (Galatasaray); Elber (Bayern Munich), Diego Tristan (Deportivo La Coruna)

**DON BALON (Spa)**

Schmeichel (Aston Villa); Puyol (Barcelona), Coloccini (Alaves), Ferdinand (Leeds), Placente (Bayer Leverkusen); Eriberto (Chievo), Carriere (Lyon), Totti (Roma), Van der Vaart (Ajax); Elber (Bayern Munich), Diego Tristan (Deportivo La Coruna)

**A BOLA (Por)**

Kahn (Bayern Munich); G Neville (Manchester United), Hyypia (Liverpool), Kuffour (Bayern Munich), Riise (Liverpool); Murphy (Liverpool), Rivaldo (Barcelona), Rosicky (Borussia Dortmund); Del Piero (Juventus), Henry (Arsenal), Elber (Bayern Munich)

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## NOTES AND QUOTES

**"It was a mistake to let Zidane go. If he was still with us, we'd be top of the table."**
*Ex-Juventus player and chairman Giampiero Boniperti puts his finger on the reason why Juventus have hit a sticky patch in Serie A.*

**"You cheated us. It was impossible to miss that handball. You deserve to go and referee in Afghanistan. If you made the same mistake there, you would be shot."**
*A sound microphone picks up Rapid Bucharest forward Robert Nita slamming referee Constantin Fratila at the end of Rapid's defeat by Arges. Fratila denied Rapid two blatant penalties.*

**"He told me the next time I set foot in the Stade Velodrome, I would be in severe danger."**
*TV football presenter Pascal Praud describes how Marseille sports director Bernard Tapie allegedly assaulted him in a Parisian shop.*

Allegations...Bernard Tapie

**"At the moment we are trying to run the 100 metres with a ball and chain attached to our foot."**
*Lyon president Jean-Michel Aulas on the French government's refusal to allow clubs to float on the stock market.*

## The month in pictures

● 21/10/01...Juventus lose Marcelo Salas for six months after the Chilean damaged knee ligaments against Bologna

● 23/10/01...Bayern Munich qualify for the Champions League second stage after beating Feyenoord 3-1

● 24/10/01...Japanese national team goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi joins Portsmouth

● 26/10/01...Roma's Vincenzo Montel faces a two-month injury lay-off

*Paul Gardner*
GLOBAL VIEW

# Offside - who calls the shots?

OFFSIDE! Is there a more accursed word in the football vocabulary? Up goes the flag, play is wrenched to a halt, often at a climactic moment, players protest, fans hoot – and a defender takes a useless free-kick from deep in his own half.

Do we need all that? We do not – not *all* of it. But we do need the first bit, the offside rule itself. Without that, football would assuredly be a different type of game.

All the original football-type games played over 100 years ago at English schools – and all the modern sports that have developed from them, eg soccer, rugby, hockey, gridiron football – have some form of offside rule.

The original intention was to stop players getting ahead of the ball carrier or the dribbler. Such positioning was considered close to cheating – the Eton College rules termed it 'sneaking' – and any players caught upfield by a sudden change in ball-possession had to race back to get behind the ball before they could take any further part in the game.

This basic idea has survived in football for a very good reason – it gives the sport its fundamental character. Without it, we get the truly shocking prospect of a world almost designed for Jack Charlton, in which hoofing the ball downfield to a bunch of forwards clustered around the opposing goal (surrounded by a probably larger cluster of defenders) will pass as tactics.

Natural selection takes over, players will all have to be combative monsters. Norway have already given us a preview of what it will look like. Not a pretty sight.

What place in all that hurly-burly for a midget like Maradona and his ball skills?

'Obviously the villains are the referee's assistants – they wave the flags. But sometimes their job is well-nigh impossible'

Midfield? Forget it – why would defenders be wandering around there when opposing forwards can get behind them with impunity?

Do I exaggerate? Possibly, but I do so to make the point that whether you approve or disapprove of an offside-less football, it would be a very *different* game, calling for a different type of player, with different skills.

As that vision doesn't appeal to me, I'm fanatically opposed to the call that keeps surfacing that the offside rule should be scrapped. Quite the opposite – it needs to be strengthened.

By which I mean that it needs to be interpreted properly and sensibly and, of all things, correctly. The problem with the offside rule is that in virtually every game one sees, important – not infrequently vital – offside calls that are just plain wrong.

We've always suspected errors were being made and now we have TV replays to provide the proof. Obviously, the villains here are the referee's assistants, they are the ones waving the flags.

Possibly – but it has been suggested that their job is well-nigh impossible. A couple of years back a Spanish technical study suggested it just was not possible for one pair of human eyes to register, at the identical moment, the kicking of the ball and the exact position of the intended recipient (they may, after all, be as much as 30 or 40 yards apart).

Any spectator knows this to be the truth – but we expect the officials to be expert at this. Are they? Do they get special, intensive training on offside calls? Are tests administered at licensing courses to see who can get, say, nine out of 10 calls correct? It is not the flagrantly bad calls that concern me – we don't need replays to spot those, and they probably come under the heading of human aberrations we just put up with.

Much more disturbing is the continued tendency for officials to favour the defence on close calls. If officials are guessing on these (and they may have to, given the difficulty outlined above) then the law of averages should give us as many pro-attack as pro-defence calls.

I have seen no reliable stats but I can only tell you that my own fragmentary observations suggest the ratio is more like 75-25 in favour of the defence.

That has to be unacceptable, given the new in-line is onside rule. New did I say? It was introduced in 1990, over a decade ago, but the adjustment in offside thinking that it called for (when in doubt, keep the flag down) seems not to have sunk in yet.

My suspicions that a deep-seated desire to call players offside still lurks in the referee mentality received spectacular confirmation recently on reading an 'Advice to Referees' booklet distributed by the United States Soccer Federation.

Among the subjects discussed is the possibility of offside at the halfway line. Assuming the player is interfering with play, then he's offside if he's standing on the line but with his toes over the line. He's also offside if he has one foot on each side of the line. Two rather absurd instances where the player might just as well be onside, but where referees are advised to call him offside ...because of his *toes*, for heaven's sake?

Maybe Belgian inventor Anton Soetens has the only answer. He has invented an electronic device he claims is "100 per cent accurate" in detecting offsides. He has advised FIFA, who, needless to say, were not enthusiastic.

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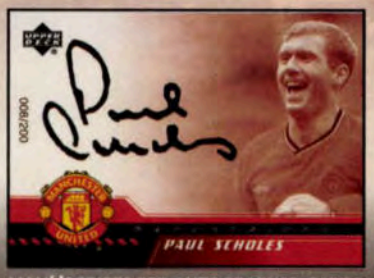


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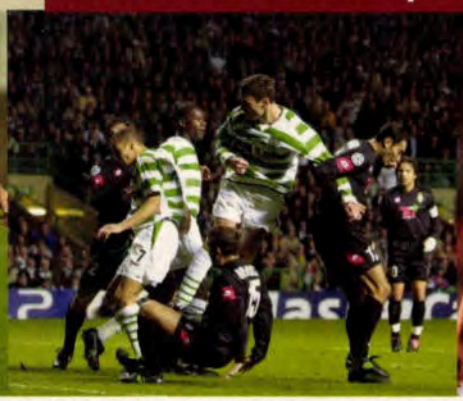

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# TALENT SCOUT: **Germany**

Nick Bidwell on the rising stars of the Bundesliga

Freiburg's Mr Versatile...Sebastian Kehl

**1 SEBASTIAN KEHL**
*(Club: Freiburg, born 13.02.80)*
No surprise that Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund are engaged in a duel to sign this outstanding prospect. Whether he plays as a stopper, sweeper, defensive or attacking midfielder, he invariably catches the eye with his excellent reading of the game, long-striding forays into opposition territory and good shooting.

**2 DANIEL BIEROFKA**
*(1860 Munich, 07.02.79)*
Left-sided midfielder who burst on to the German scene last season, winning rave reviews for his explosive bursts down the flank and accurate crossing. Did not make the grade at Bayern Munich, but now a star for 1860, where his father, Wilhelm, played in the late 1970s.

**3 TIMO HILDEBRAND**
*(Stuttgart, 05.04.79)*
In the spring of 2000, he sensationally went from fourth- to first-choice keeper at Stuttgart and has not looked back since, becoming a fixture for Germany's Under-21s. Extraordinarily calm and has wonderful reflexes.

**4 CHRISTOPH METZELDER**
*(Borussia Dortmund, 05.11.80)*
The tall marker or full-back has improved enormously since arriving at Dortmund in the summer of 2000 from Third Division Preussen Munster and will no doubt be the long-term replacement for the soon-to-retire Jurgen Kohler. A defender of much pace, aerial ability and combativeness.

**5 MICHAEL ZEPEK**
*(Bayer Leverkusen, 19.01.81)*
Central defender and captain of Germany's Under-18 and Under-20 sides. Intelligent and strong in the air and the tackle, he has rarely been used by Leverkusen following a summer move from Karlsruhe – Real Madrid and Lazio were also in the hunt for him – but Zepek will get his chance when Jens Nowotny goes at the end of the season.

**6 FABIAN ERNST**
*(Werder Bremen, 30.05.79)*
A talented teenage libero, he was hailed as the 'new Beckenbauer' only to sink without trace after moving from Hannover to Hamburg in 1998. But he has been reborn since moving to northern neighbours Werder Bremen and switching to midfield. The skipper of Germany's Under-21s, he is the complete central midfielder, able to both defend and create.

**7 BOUBACAR DIARRA**
*(Freiburg, 15.07.79)*
Freiburg often play with only two out-and-out defenders and they can afford to take the risk with someone of Diarra's calibre at the back. From the African state of Mali, he is a natural man-marker, with great powers of recovery, composure, toughness and above-average ability in the air.

**8 BENJAMIN AUER**
*(Borussia Monchengladbach, 11.01.81)*
Although he will be out until the New Year with a knee injury, 'Benny' remains one of the great attacking hopes of German football. A star of his country's World Youth Cup campaign this summer (five goals), his principal weapon is his heading ability. A number of English and Italian teams already have his number.

**9 HANNO BALITSCH**
*(Koln, 02.01.81)*
All-action defensive midfielder often likened to Bayern and Germany's Jens Jeremies, though Balitsch arguably has a touch more technical prowess. He might have left Waldhof Mannheim for Bayern Munich or Borussia Dortmund last summer, but instead chose to go to Koln, who have more of a reputation for playing youngsters.

**10 ROMAN WEIDENFELLER**
*(Kaiserslautern, 06.08.80)*
Georg Koch's outstanding form in the *Lauterer* goal has kept Weidenfeller in the shadows. But the youngster proved his mettle with a brilliant performance against PSV Eindhoven in the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup last season. Unlike so many continental keepers, his forte is coming for crosses.

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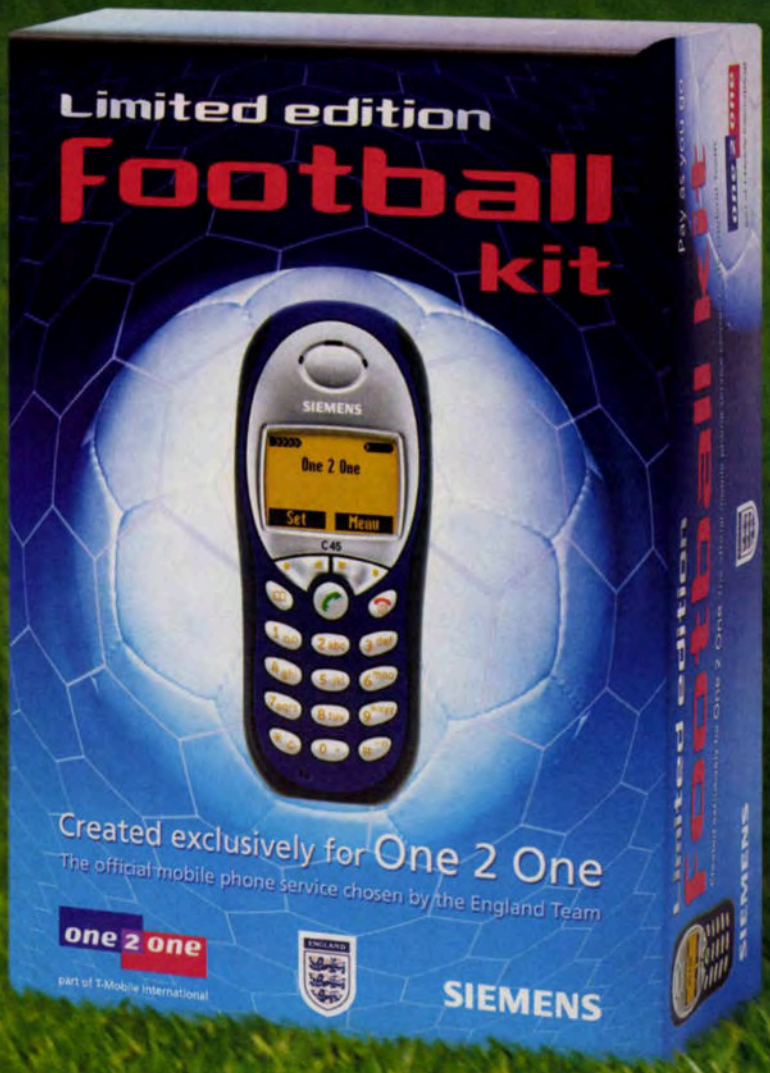


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# The Barça loner

Jeff King in Barcelona questions the wisdom of the Camp Nou fans who boo and barrack their best player

ON THE final day of last season, Rivaldo scored an epic hat-trick in Barcelona's 3-2 win against Valencia. His last-minute winner was an implausible bicycle-kick reminiscent of Pele's clincher in the film *Escape To Victory. O Rei's* cinematic decoy helped Sylvester Stallone and co escape from a prisoner-of-war camp. Rivaldo's replica earned Barça an 11th-hour reprieve from the UEFA Cup.

Four months later Barcelona's Brazilian saviour made his 2001-02 home debut against Lyon. Boos and whistles echoed around Camp Nou every time he touched the ball. Forget the fact that Barça would not have been playing Champions League football in the first place if it hadn't been for Rivaldo; it was a mind-boggling response to four years of unwavering brilliance.

In Rivaldo's first two seasons at Camp Nou, Barça were Spanish champions. In 1999 he was the FIFA World Player and European Footballer of the Year. No Barça player in the past 25 years can match his 125 goals in all competitions. His 31 goals in Europe are a club record.

Despite his bow-legged gait and languid demeanour, Rivaldo is neither fragile or fickle. He has played in 140 of 162 League games since his 1997 transfer from Deportivo La Coruna. Tellingly, Barça managed a modest eight victories in the 22 games he missed. The Brazilian's ability to raise his game on hostile stages is legend. Last season he became the first ever visitor to score three goals at Milan in European competition. Only a dubious offside call prevented him becoming the first Barça player to score a hat-trick at Real Madrid.

So what has Rivaldo done to deserve such shoddy treatment?

Ten days after Barça's League bow at Sevilla, Rivaldo damaged knee ligaments playing for Brazil against Argentina. On his return to Spain, Barcelona's doctors aired the possibility of surgery. Coach Carles Rexach publicly resigned himself to losing his star player for at least two months.

Rivaldo's decision to fly back to Rio for rehab was slated as an unprofessional whim. Yet, miraculously, he was back at Camp Nou within 14 days. Forty-eight hours later Rexach left him out of Barcelona's match at Real Sociedad citing lack of match fitness. World Cup duty against Chile meant the Brazilian missed Barça's next two games as well. Hence the tardy home debut against Lyon.

Needless to say, Rivaldo was the only one of 29 Spain-based players to face a chorus of boo-boys on his return from international duty. But what exactly was his crime? Getting injured? Recovering in record time? Flying 17,000 kilometres to face Real Sociedad only to be snubbed? Taking absolutely no part in the slanging match between Barcelona and Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari?

Not for the first time Rivaldo was a pawn in a political spat. This time it was Barcelona and the Brazilian federation at loggerheads. In the past, former Barça president Josep Nunez consistently undermined his own player as a way of attacking his arch-enemy, Josep Minguella (Rivaldo's former agent).

In a city that boasts two daily sports papers with myriad hidden agendas, Rivaldo's refusal to curry favour has created powerful enemies. He was accused of using Luis Figo's defection to Real Madrid to secure a handsome new contract from incoming Barça president Joan Gaspart. The fact that Nunez had refused to sit down with Minguella and Rivaldo for several months before Figo's move was conveniently ignored.

Rivaldo was again chastised by the media during financial wrangling this summer. As it turned out, Barcelona owed him £2million in back-pay. The Brazilian spent a dirt-poor childhood in Recife doing 15-mile round-trips to training on foot. A six-inch scar on his right foot is a reminder of when a wall fell on him en route. Can you blame him if he wants to get paid in full? And nobody barracks Patrick Kluivert or Luis Enrique (two players with the *de rigueur* media acolytes) for earning silly money.

"The Barcelona fans are much too quick to turn against their own players," says former coach Bobby Robson. Especially those who don't spout politically correct platitudes about Barça's status as a Catalan flagship. Hristo Stoichkov, Camp Nou's last great idol, was happy to play the crusader in a nationalistic crusade. Rivaldo, on the other hand, has never pretended to be anything other than a professional footballer, on call for the duration.

When Stoichkov isn't playing for Chicago Fire he still calls Barcelona home. Five years after being sacked by Barça, nothing has tempted Johan Cruyff away from his home 10 minutes' drive from Camp Nou. Ronald Koeman has built a house on the city outskirts and makes no secret that his ambition is to coach Barça one day. Yet there is more chance of Osama bin Laden buying a condo in Manhattan than Rivaldo settling down in Catalonia when he retires.

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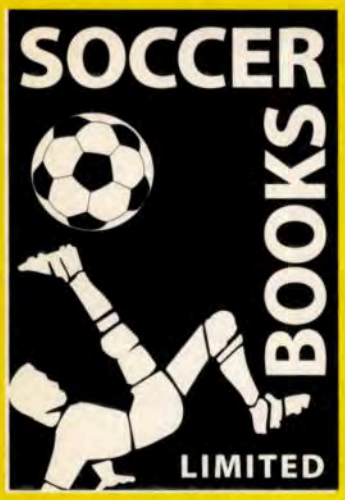
God made Rivaldo articulate with a football but shy and inexpressive in civvies. Ronaldo, his Brazilian predecessor at Barcelona, was more problematic but more charismatic too. He also had a multinational PR machine behind him. The ability of Rivaldo, a long-time Mizunho man, to just say no is a continuing affront to Barça sponsors Nike.

None of these things should matter. Nor do they in the dressing-room. Rivaldo's team-mates were incensed by the latest outbreak of heckling. Rexach swears by "the most decisive player in the world". Barcelona's more perceptive fans worship at his altar, too. "Rivaldo, you're God. Forgive those who whistle you," read a banner at Camp Nou before the Brazilian's two goals against Betis in his second home game. The perpetual frown on Rivaldo's face these days suggests that's easier said than done.

Rexach admits that squeezing Rivaldo, Kluivert and Javier Saviola into the same forward line can be a problem. Kluivert, 25, and Saviola, 19, are both under contract until 2006. Rivaldo is 30 in April and out of contract in June 2003. Long-time suitors Lazio and Juventus have made a note of the latest episode of disharmony. Realpolitiks suggest Barcelona will cash in this summer at the latest.



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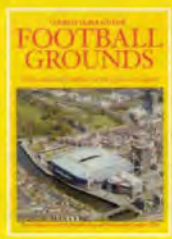


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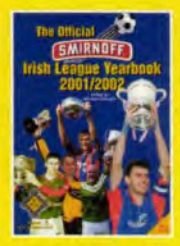


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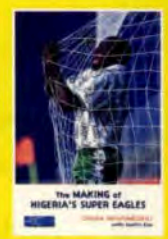


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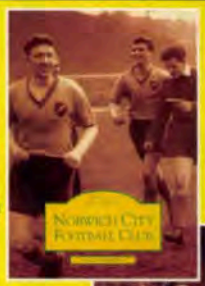

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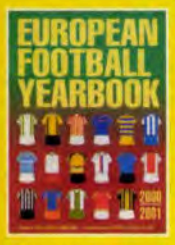


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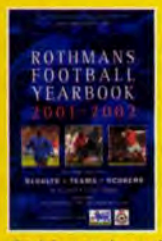


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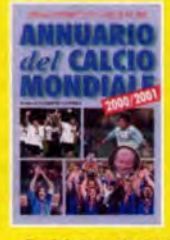


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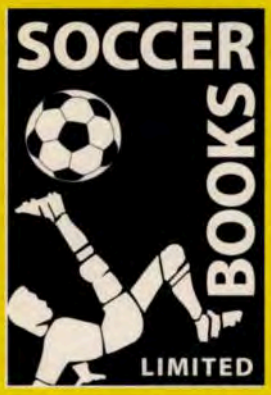


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Big deal...German media baron Leo Kirch

'The signs are clear – and not only in the UK. Football is not the guaranteed deliverer of mass audiences'

# The great TV gamble

THE agreement by BBC and ITV to seal a £170million deal with Kirch for rights to the next two World Cup finals tournaments was hailed in the British media as another victory for England over Germany.

But the veracity of that claim is open to question – and will remain so for at least four more years.

The story so far is simple. Good ol' Auntie Beeb and her ambitious cousin had forced a financial climbdown by the aggressive new kid on the block.

German media baron Leo Kirch and his eponymous company, it will be recalled, had been hoping to rake in a sum not dissimilar to that £170m for both the finals in 2002 and those in 2006. BBC and ITV had responded by quoting the listed sports event legislation that had stood up in the UK courts against a Danish test case earlier this year – and which was receiving robust backing from government ministers.

Now the water starts to get murky. Kirch bought the rights from FIFA originally under the mistaken belief that it could force the price Sky-high by auctioning off coverage access between the old terrestrial, state-backed corporations and the new satellite and cable pay-TV companies – in Europe at least.

It was a licence to print money by the billion.

Up to a point, Lord Copper.

First Kirch was upset to learn that FIFA, in the small print, retained the right to guarantee free-to-air transmission of the Opening Match, the semi-finals, the Final and all finals matches of any specific host nation. That cut significantly into the valuation.

Then it became clear that most European channels were sceptical about the value of coverage that would be live only at European breakfast time. Cut again.

The revelation of the full restrictions imposed, in the lucrative UK market, by the listed events legislation was the last straw.

BBC and ITV had paid, between them, little more than £6m for the 1998 finals but that was their discounted share of the overall price negotiated years earlier by the European Broadcasting Union.

It was the end of the EBU deal that had encouraged Kirch to enter the market in the first place. Both BBC and ITV accepted that their previous World Cup deals had been akin to daylight robbery and that they would have to pay something closer to market value.

Sorting out market value provided all the subsequent fun and games. BBC and ITV knew they would have to pay a huge increase but, sensibly, stalled until the nature of domestic involvement was clear, i.e. only England through with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland all out.

So, merely England to 'sell' in 2002 – and Sven Eriksson's men only live at breakfast time. Also, Kirch had no wish to become entangled in lengthy and expensive legal wrangling over the listed events issue, which might well go against its interests anyway.

Remember, Kirch's greatest interest was not so much 2002 but 2006, in its own back yard in Europe and, more specifically, in Germany. That is where Kirch expected the financial killing. But better surely to clinch whatever money was available now. After all, none of the UK nations may qualify in 2006, may they?

Also, who knows what TV rights will be worth then?

That is the gamble BBC and ITV have taken. They are paying, in effect, £85m for the 2006 finals in which Britain may have no direct interest.

The signs are clear – and not only in the UK. In Germany, Italy, France and Spain both sides agree that TV rights have peaked. Football is NOT the guaranteed deliverer of mass audiences.

Kirch's own mid-evening Saturday highlights show revealed that uncompromising truth this season in Germany. ITV has discovered it in England – hence *The Premiership* being shifted back to the late-evening slot to which presenter Des Lynam objected during his BBC days (nowhere left for him to go now but Sky, I suppose).

Pay-per-view (PPV) has turned out to be a mirage. The two PPV competitors in Italy are being forced to merge, with no guarantee of survival even then. NTL crashed out of its own PPV deal with the Premier League even before it had been activated. (In fact, NTL's proposal was pragmatically correct: charge premium rates for major matches such as Arsenal v Man United and free up the rest. Who would pay top rate for Southampton v Derby, with all due respect to those clubs?)

Digital coverage is also proving not only financially but promotionally disastrous. The ITV Digital audience figures are not merely pathetic, they are comic. It would be cheaper to take watching fans to the match and give them their spending money. Owners Carlton and Granada have put on a brave face but surely it cannot be long before, for the sake of those remaining advertisers, ITV's digital soccer is taken on to the Sky transmission platform.

Then what – especially with the European Commission questioning the cartel system through which TV rights are sold from the Champions League to domestic leagues?

This is why the arrival of Rangers and Celtic in the Premiership in time for the next TV deal is no mere illusion. Never mind what UEFA and FIFA say now; if the FAs and Leagues are happy (financially) then it will go ahead.

No longer can co-hosting be restricted to World Cups and European Championships. The genie is out of the bottle. For example, the three Baltic nations (Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia) are discussing a joint championship, inspired by the Atlantic League scheme, which may yet re-emerge as a Benelux project.

Who knows, by the autumn of 2005, that £85m World Cup share might look generous to a fault.

Funny game, televised football.

Leading contender...Raul

# Raul leads the list

RAUL Gonzalez Blanco is favourite to become the fourth serving Real Madrid player to carry off the European Footballer of the Year award when *France Football* opens up the voting to public scrutiny.

He would follow in a roll of honour featuring Alfredo Di Stefano (1957 and 1959), Raymond Kopa (1958) and Luis Figo (2000). Zinedine Zidane is a former European Footballer of the Year but that, of course, was in his pre-Madrid days.

Speculation that Raul, a boyhood fan of neighbours Atletico Madrid, would be the youngest winner are way off target.

Raul will be 24 years and six months old by the end of December. No fewer than five players are ahead of him in the age stakes: Ronaldo (21 years, two months in 1997), George Best (22 in 1968), Oleg Blokhin (23 years, one month in 1975), Eusebio (23 years, 11 months in 1965) and Marco Van Basten (24 years, two months in 1988).

# Cristina – another face in the crowd

CRISTINA D'ALESSIO is the proverbial needle in the haystack, but it is not difficult to spot the only woman among the 110,000 male spectators in Tehran's Azadi stadium.

D'Alessio, born in Italy and educated in England, took her pitch-level vantage point for the crucial Iran-Iraq World Cup clash and other qualifiers because she works for the Asian Football Confederation. Her duties include supervising and directing TV crews during matches.

"They're not used to taking orders from women, so they just do it," she says. "They don't give me any trouble, as long as you respect their traditions and culture."

D'Alessio lives in Beirut and travels to the World Cup qualifiers in the Middle East, working in the Gulf states, Qatar and Iraq, among others. Before, she covered the eastern region of Asia.

"It's impossible to miss me. I am next to the fourth official and the only one wearing the [traditional] black chador," she points out. "I dress conservatively, but the only place where I am made to wear it [the chador] is Iran," she explains.

A die-hard fan of Roma, D'Alessio does not feel like an intruder in Iran, the original fundamental Islamic society. On the contrary, she feels many Muslim women share her passion for soccer, an assertion borne out by the women who stormed their way into Azadi after Iran qualified for France 98.

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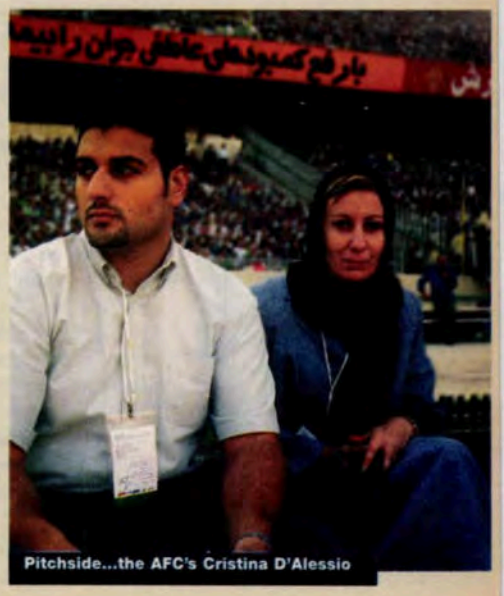
Pitchside...the AFC's Cristina D'Alessio

# Stojkovic's new mission

Vladimir Novak talks to the latest player to switch from the pitch to the boardroom

DRAGAN STOJKOVIC, the 36-year-old former playmaker with Radnicki Nis, Red Star Belgrade, Marseille, Verona, Nagoya Grampus Eight and Yugoslavia (84 caps, 15 goals, two World Cups), retired as a player on July 21.

On September 30, he was appointed as the new president of the Yugoslav FA.

**What are your first impressions of your new job?**
Compared to the job I did before, it is of course very different. Playing football is a big pleasure and basically it requires full concentration only for the 90 minutes on the pitch. With my new task there is a big responsibility; it is a more complex activity, where you have to ensure good organisation, where you must pick the right people who can work with and who have good motivation. Our wish is to create the best possible organisation in order to raise the level of football in our country.

**So what will change in Yugoslav soccer under the new FA leadership?**
Already it has been encouraging how things have developed at the start of the new League season. Our top priority is to bring back regularity to the competition. Then, I am sure, people will be more satisfied, because they will watch more interesting and less predictable matches. What is happening now is only the beginning. What we must do is to solve this problem completely.

**How do you intend to prevent match-fixing? A lot of people are sceptical, to say the least.**
There will be much more control and, if necessary, there will be rigorous fines. It means that those who wish to gamble with their destiny as players, managers or officials, let them do it, no problem. But they will be given a hard time. Of course, I am neither a policeman, nor a lawyer or judge. But there will be people who will deal with everything.

**Many think that Yugoslav football will go the way of Hungarian soccer. What do you think about such a dark forecast?**
One cannot blame people for thinking like this. Our clubs have already been eliminated in the first round of the UEFA Cup, the national team failed to qualify for the World Cup. But I see the present situation as a new start and I enter the job with a huge motivation to improve things. I do not believe that we will experience the same destiny as Hungarian soccer. We are a nation that is very talented and it would be a pity if we did not take advantage of it. Everything depends on us; on the people in and around soccer.

**No doubt domestic critics will ask why you are living in Paris, and not in Belgrade?**
As a matter of fact I move between Belgrade and Paris. My family lives in Paris [Stojkovic and his wife Snezana have two daughters and a son] because we wanted to give our children the best possible education. As far as I am concerned, I spend a lot of time here [in Belgrade] and I really don't see why that should be a big problem. Also I believe that from my stay in France, the country of the current World Cup holders and European champions, the Yugoslav FA can benefit in terms of international contacts and perhaps also learning from French football.

**What is your answer to those Yugoslav fans who say it is better that we did not qualify for the World Cup? That we don't deserve to participate at the World Cup?**
It is always nice to be a World Cup participant. But it's not a tragedy that we won't be there. Soccer is only a game. Sometimes you lose, sometimes you win. This time we were the losers, but luck really turned its back on us. We are a better side than Slovenia but we were unlucky, and also there was a strange penalty given in favour of Slovenia when they beat Russia 2-1. Perhaps it was exactly that odd referee's decision that knocked us out. But things like this happen in sport.

**How do you see the future of the national team?**
Again, I regard the current situation as a new start. Our first objective is to participate at the European Championship finals in Portugal in 2004 and we will do everything to reach that goal. We do possess quality, good players, and with the right preparations, work and atmosphere one should be optimistic and hope that we will qualify for Euro 2004.

Mr President...Dragan Stojkovic

**At the moment Yugoslavia doesn't have a national coach. One gets the impression that it is as good as certain that Dejan Savicevic will be appointed. Are there any other candidates?**
Perhaps the public thinks that it is as good as certain, but it has yet to be decided. First of all I wish to form a strong technical committee, with people of class, who know their job, whom you can trust. Only then can we get to the best solution as far as the new national team coach is concerned. It is true that Dejan Savicevic is a candidate, but we have also several other coaches who through their success have earned great respect at home and abroad. Like Radomir Antic or Dusan Bajevic and others. But, right now I would not speculate on that. What is sure is that mistakes from the past will not be repeated. The next national coach has to sign a professional contract with the FA, he has to have a fixed annual salary; basically these are normal things, there is no big philosophy. We will not allow ourselves ever again to have a national coach who leaves after several months because he signed a deal in Saudi Arabia, or elsewhere.

## TRAFFIC – AN APOLOGY

On page 16 of the September 2001 edition, in an article about the South American marketing company Traffic, we wrongly stated that Brazilian federation president Ricardo Teixeira was a shareholder in Traffic. We accept that this is not the case and apologise for any embarrassment caused.

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# Float on

Oliver Butler on the growing trend for player agents to list on the stock exchange

Flotation...Jon Smith

AGENTS have long been accused by many within the game of being the scourge of football. Clubs moan that agents deliberately unsettle their players to set up transfers and new contracts, and so procure a nice commission.

Yet these same football clubs use these agents to help them find players to buy without the need to contact the selling club.

The rise in transfer fees over the past few years has inevitably meant a rise in agents' commissions, attracting the unscrupulous characters that have so enraged the clubs. FIFA has already sought to tackle these problems with a new raft of rules.

But, at the same time, the industry is slowly changing in a way that could marginalise such people. The range of areas in which agents have started to represent their players has greatly broadened.

No longer do agents merely negotiate playing contracts for their clients. Agencies can now be responsible for their clients' image rights, their pension funds and their PR.

Consolidation is the buzzword among agents. Leading this trend are the UK agencies that have recently become public companies, listed on the London Stock Exchange. As in the late 1990s, when many UK clubs went public, so we have seen a number of sports management agencies float in the past two years.

Premier Management, led by Barry Gold, was the first to float, in December 2000, and this has been followed by a spate of flotations this year. Each of the agencies that has floated has sought to present itself differently as it tries to attract investment from financial institutions.

First Artist, run by Jon and Phil Smith, boasts of the breadth of players under its management. This will be greatly expanded if its proposed takeover of European agency Fimo goes ahead. Sports Entertainment & Media, fronted by Jerome Anderson, helps some of its players (Ian Wright) go on to work in the media. Premier Management has its unique scheme of helping to fund the transfers for some clubs in return for a share of the players' fee when they move on. Proactive Sports Group has its corporate hospitality side for clubs such as Manchester United and for the English national team.

What perhaps is more important, according to Andrew Lee, analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, is not the quality of the companies' portfolio, but the quality of their management, as they seek to expand.

Investors have been presented with a business model that is different to football clubs, whose model, according to Nick Batram, leisure analyst at Granville Baird, was "fundamentally flawed".

"More and more money was coming into the clubs, but at the same time it was flushing straight through to the players, and therefore their agents," argues Batram.

It is this line that agents are pitching to investors as they seek to differentiate themselves from their main source of revenue.

"We hope that as money passes through the company more of it will stick to the side," is how Gold succinctly puts it. Or, in other words, follow where the money is going.

However, if this is taken literally, how long will it be before a player is floated on the stock exchange?

More seriously, the listing of agents will not only force the companies to adhere to more regulations than before. These companies, in much the same way as football clubs found before them, will also be guided by different criteria in order to be judged as successful by their investors.

"There still is a stigma attached to football agents and there is a long way to go in order to get accepted by City institutions," says Batram.

Flush with cash as a result of these flotations, these agencies are now scouring Europe looking at other agencies to mop up. An agent's client base can grow to the extent that it may even represent both the player and the club in a transfer and so enjoy both sides of the commission.

Such a move is allowed under FIFA rules as long as there are two FIFA-approved agents. Paul Stretford of Proactive Sports says FIFA should support such consolidation as it will make business dealings more accountable. Whether FIFA will agree is open to question.

As football clubs have found, investors can fall out of love with them as quickly as they fall in. Several analysts believe there are too many agencies that have gone for flotations.

It may not be long before one of the agencies currently out buying is bought up itself.

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# Chung stirs it up

The publication of a controversial book by South Korean FA president Chung Mong-joon has threatened to overshadow the World Cup draw in Pusan. Mike Plastow in Tokyo reports

DO YOU think that all is now sweetness and light between the 2002 co-hosts with little over half a year to go before the World Cup? Such thoughts are quickly dispelled by South Korea's FIFA vice-president, Chung Mong-joon, in his new book *Nihonjin ni Tsutaetai!* (What I Want to Tell the Japanese!), which was published in Japan in October.

In his introduction, Chung writes: "As these two countries, separated by a narrow strait, begin a new century, you would think in view of the difficult international situation that they would have to live as friendly rivals and partners. In fact, how much does Japan, do the Japanese, understand about the real feelings of South Korea and the South Korean people, and the complexity of the history between our countries? As a leader of the South Korean organising committee for co-hosting the World Cup, and as a member of the South Korean parliament, there are more than a few things I find to regret."

There are indeed, as the sub-headings of Part One of his book make very clear: Why Hasn't the Anti-Japanese and Anti-Korean Feeling Changed?; The Japanese Did Not Lay the Foundations of South Korean Industry; Why Isn't Japan Respected by Other Asian Countries?; Japan Has Responsibility for the North-South Division of Korea; Japan's Response on Forced Prostitution (in Wartime) and the Textbook Problem is Inadequate; Yes, Japan is a Bureaucratic Country; Why Can't the Japanese Economy Recover?; Did Japan Trigger South Korea's IMF Crisis?...well, you get the message.

After 130 pages of this, the Japanese reader could be forgiven for feeling a little miffed. Of course, there is a lot of talk about the importance of co-operation. Chung describes the World Cup almost in terms of being a launch pad for his favourite vision of a common trade and labour market for the Far East. The book may be a courageous rallying call to build something lasting and tangible out of the opportunity co-hosting provides. Too much of it, however, smacks of the Korean saying that Chung notes himself early in the book: "The Japanese don't eat with spoons because the Koreans never taught them how."

After all that, things look up in Part Two, which promises the inside story on the co-hosting decision. In fact, there is little new here. But from Joao Havelange's ranting in FIFA executive meetings to the confirmation that it was a Japanese politician, Foreign Minister Kono, who first proposed the co-hosting idea, there is plenty to keep you turning the pages.

In essence, Chung does indeed describe the rationale of South Korea's decision to bid for 2002 quite explicitly as a bid against Japan, albeit justified by South Korea's superior World Cup record. He even suggests that the fact South Korea always beat Japan, through the 1980s at least, was one of the reasons why football was so popular there in the first place. ("There was the feeling that South Korea must not lose to Japan at football.")

Japan, of course, got the head start with the 2002 bid when Havelange himself suggested in 1986 that they have a go.

Chung, the scion of the Hyundai conglomerate, describes South Korea's bid as a very personal affair. He tells how he became president of the South Korean FA in 1993 and tried repeatedly to persuade the government to launch a rival bid, but the economy had entered a downturn and all thoughts for 2002 were focused on the Asian Games in Pusan.

Then the mood in the nation changed in a flash in October 1993, with the Tragedy of Doha (as it is called in Japan) and the Miracle of Doha (Chung's term), when a last-gasp goal by Iraq sent South Korea to the 1994 World Cup instead of

Japan. The government still felt strapped for cash, but Chung apparently had no such handicap. He writes: "The bidding committee was officially launched on January 18, 1994...we still had no staff or funding. At the start, we had no money to rent offices, so for the time being I provided the capital myself."

From here on, we know that we are in the hands of an empire builder. Chung describes his chagrin at the draw for USA 94 in Las Vegas in December 1993, when he was stuck in a draughty corner at the banquet while the Japanese sat on the high table. That, he says, showed him how high the FIFA walls had been built, and he decided on the spot that he would have to get inside.

That was no sooner said than done. He stood for and won the FIFA vice-presidency for Asia in May 1994. Chung says he learned the importance of human relationships in campaigning from his father's work to bring the Olympic Games to Seoul, and his whirlwind campaign took him to every single FIFA member country in Asia and the Middle East except Japan and North Korea. But not much is said about what those relationships involved, or about the odd count at the vote, which suddenly turned a 10-10 tie with the Kuwaiti candidate into a win for Chung. He rightly accepts that anyone can make a mistake.

On the co-hosting decision, Chung insists that he, like Japan and FIFA's own regulations at the time, opposed sharing of the World Cup. He hints at underhand tactics by Havelange and his supporters to bring the date of the decision forward, as South Korea's bid gained ground. And he confirms, as widely reported, that the eventual co-hosting decision was political; a result of the battle between Havelange and reformers demanding more transparency and accountability in FIFA affairs.

Chung writes: "I was astounded to hear that until then, almost no FIFA vice-presidents had ever seen the World Cup TV rights and marketing contracts directly." He further suggests that his own aggressive attitude on these issues may have influenced UEFA president Lennart Johansson's decision to fight it out with Havelange.

At any rate, the other result of this was that Chung earned at least the sympathy of the eight European and three African voters, which was in principle enough to win the hosting right for South Korea. Japan, meanwhile, as Havelange's favourite, was being left out in the cold. There was, however, sympathy for Japan as well. Chung writes: "But Johansson and the other reformers felt that if either South Korea or Japan were to win, the loss for the other side would be undesirable." As Chung writes earlier in the book, the Europeans did not really understand why Japan and South Korea were fighting this battle so hard.

'As leader of the South Korean organising committee for co-hosting the World Cup, there are more than a few things I find to regret'

*Chung Mong-joon*

**Friend or foe?...Chung (left) with his Japanese counterpart Shun-ichiro Okano**

Chung says that Havelange, meanwhile, "just ignored these developments at first. He was clearly over-confident. In Havelange's view, Africa owed him a lot and even if Johansson made his move, only the eight European votes would go with him. Once Havelange was resigned to the fact that the African votes had left his camp, he knew that Japan must lose if it continued to insist on sole hosting, and that would cause serious damage to himself."

With two days left before the vote, Havelange therefore proposed co-hosting himself, and Japan had to go along.

As Chung also notes about the political wranglings behind the 2006 vote, none of this is really good for the game. But, a politician himself, he has no doubt that "sport is politics".

The politics has continued since, over everything from Japan's secret canvassing to be awarded the Final, to the order of the names in the official tournament title (Chung finally won the battle to put Korea before Japan by pointing out that, in French, Korea comes first alphabetically and that FIFA itself is a French acronym!), to the location of the IBC (International Broadcasting Centre) in Korea.

The third part of this unusual book describes Chung's views on 21st century leadership qualities. He is obviously a man who knows what he is talking about there, and the book leaves no question that if anyone stands to gain from 2002, it is most likely to be the charismatic Dr Chung.

● *The World Cup draw takes place in Pusan on December 1. For more news on the qualifiers, see World Service, starting on page 35.*

# Denilson

Tim Vickery on the Brazilian winger who could finally fulfil his great potential

## Fact file

**Country** Brazil
**Club** Betis (Spa)
**Born** August 24, 1977, in Sao Bernardo do Campo, Sao Paulo
**Previous clubs** Sao Paulo, Betis (Spa), Flamengo
**International debut** November 1996, v Cameroon
**International caps** 49 (6 goals)
**Honours** Copa America 1997; Confederations Cup 1997; Sao Paulo state championship 1998

LEADING Brazil out of the wilderness or dribbling down a dead end? The saviour of the national team or merely a prominent member of a generation hyped beyond its capabilities? As he approached a half-century of international appearances, some weighty questions surrounded 24-year-old left winger Denilson – and the next few months seem certain to provide the answers.

Veteran journalist Armando Nogueira would seem to have no doubts. A first-hand witness of the golden age of the beautiful game, he is convinced "Denilson is the player who currently represents the Brazilian style of football-art".

The player himself is well aware of the tradition he is working in. "Brazilian football has a history of producing great wingers," he says. "Attacking down the flanks is the best way to open up opposing defences. That's particularly true playing for Brazil, when the other team usually plays very cautiously. There will always be space for wingers in football."

It is an old winger's trick to show the defender the ball. When it seems that he has let it run too far, the defender lunges forward, only to find himself beaten as a sudden spurt takes the winger clear. Denilson's career has taken a similar course.

When Betis made him the world's most expensive player at £21.5 million, it was a case of the wrong man at the wrong club. The influx of the Nike money to Brazil had made everyone crazy. Cash can produce splendid adverts; but it cannot turn a promising player into a world-beater overnight.

Denilson was expected to form the main attacking threat of a club ambitious for the big time. But wide men rarely carry a team, especially at the age of 21. Not surprisingly, he floundered, and at the end of his second season Betis were relegated.

Denilson was loaned back to Brazil to join Flamengo. He aimed to rekindle his international career by forcing his way into the Olympic team. Heading back home worked wonders for Juninho, who after just three games for Vasco da Gama was recalled to the senior Brazil squad. Meanwhile, Denilson was kicking his heels. Flamengo's debts with European clubs meant that they were unable to register him. The deadline for Olympic selection passed before Denilson had kicked a competitive ball for his new club.

Sorting out the financial problems brought little improvement. Flamengo had a galaxy of stars but no team. Edilson, Petkovic, Alex, Adriano and Denilson could not all be accommodated in the same line-up. A disappointing start meant that the winger found himself on the bench, dropped by Mario Zagallo, the same coach who had given him his Brazil debut and groomed him as an international.

When he did take the field, the abiding memory is of Denilson carrying the ball across the field, slowing down the Flamengo attack. His abiding memory is almost certainly of being the first to turn up at the training ground one morning only to find the gates locked; Flamengo had not paid the bill and were kicked out.

It was all very disappointing. But when he went back to Spain he suddenly found the burst of acceleration to take him past his detractors. The expectations were now lower, and to the old skill had been added a new maturity. Betis won promotion and have made an excellent start to their First Division campaign. And the left winger is once more a key member of Brazil's squad, basking in the favour of press and public.

"After awful seasons with Betis and Flamengo, I had lost hope of Denilson shining with the national team," wrote 1970 great Tostao, always Brazil's most astute observer. "I was wrong. Denilson is a precious option."

Such praise came after October's game against Chile, when, for Tostao, "the highlight was the wonderful individual display of Denilson".

The opposing coach would certainly agree. "We were able to cancel out Cafu, Roberto Carlos, Vampeta and Rivaldo," said Jorge Garces. "But the talent of Denilson wrecked my team."

Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari acknowledged the winger's importance. "Our passing was poor and we weren't using the flanks," was his view of a dire, first half. "This changed with the entry of Denilson."

When he appeared after the break, Denilson produced 10 dribbles and went through his repertoire of tricks, stretching the Chile defence and creating the space for Brazil to complete a 2-0 win.

The role of supersub is one Denilson has had to get used to. After making an explosive start, his international career turned on his 25th game. Shortly before France 98, Brazil were beaten at home by Argentina. It was his first defeat in the national team, and the last time he was an undisputed first choice.

Dropped to accommodate Rivaldo, Denilson was used as a substitute in the World Cup. Then, although he began Wanderley Luxemburgo's reign in the first team, poor form for Betis soon meant that he faded from the international scene. He missed out entirely on Emerson Leao's short spell in charge, but earned a recall under Scolari. The new man began with a pallid 1-0 defeat by Uruguay. He reacted by calling for more daring from his players and Denilson was a last-minute addition to the Copa America squad.

In Colombia the fans purred at his every touch, and the Brazilian crowds now call for his introduction as soon as the first pass goes astray. But still Denilson stays on the bench. His first 25 games included just three as a substitute; for his subsequent 24 caps he has been in the starting line-up only for five.

If Denilson is unhappy with his lot, he works hard not to let it show. "It's something I haven't worried about for a long time," he says. "If people want to think of me as a player for the second half, I don't have a problem. But I do think that sometimes it's harder to come off the bench. If the team is losing you feel under obligation to turn things round."

Tostao would seem to disagree. Denilson's fine performance against Chile was helped by the fact that "falling behind at the start of the second half meant that Chile pushed forward, and more space appeared. If Denilson had started the game he would have found it much more difficult."

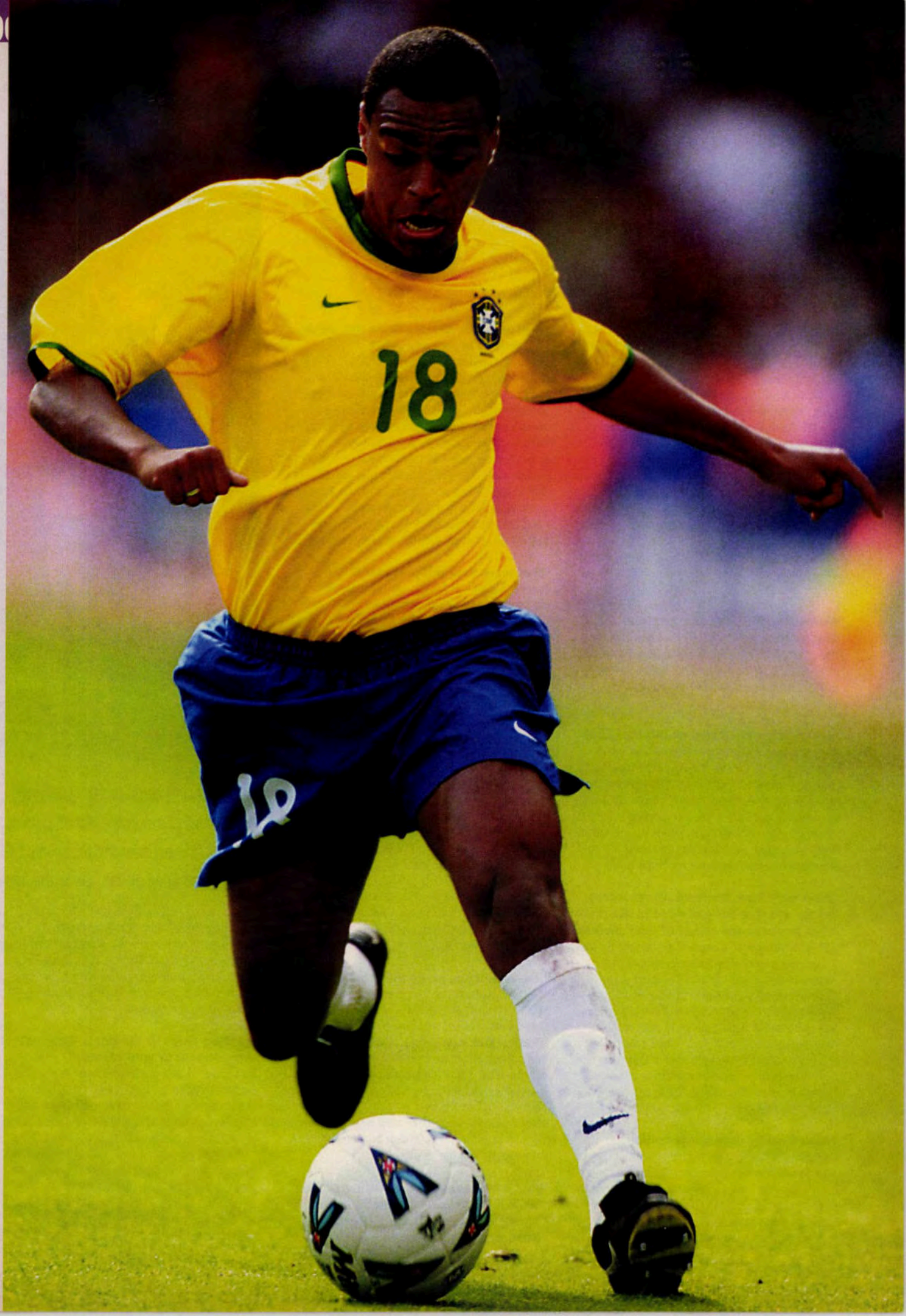
> 'If people want to think of me as a player for the second half I don't have a problem. But it's sometimes hard to come off the bench – you feel under obligation to turn things round'

Scolari has also pointed out that Denilson is most effective as a substitute. Ammunition for this view comes from the fact that his only start in almost three years was against Honduras in the Copa America. Forced constantly on to his weaker right foot, he was comfortably cancelled out in the historic 2-0 defeat.

"Everyone played badly that day," is his defence. "My international career can't be judged just by the game against Honduras."

But it will have to be judged by his performances against the best. Chile were a below-strength side assembled at the last minute. In August's World Cup qualifier Paraguay were missing their top defenders, while the Peru and Paraguay sides Denilson faced in the Copa America were little more than a collection of reserves.

Denilson turned on the magic in all four games. But whether he wins a place in the pantheon of great Brazilian wingers will depend on how he fares against the tightest defences in next year's World Cup.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# Bora Milutinovic

## China's coach talks to Keir Radnedge

BORA MILUTINOVIC, should Chinese common sense triumph over propaganda demands, will undertake a record fifth World Cup managerial outing in South Korea and Japan.

Milutinovic, a coaching globetrotter without equal, made his finals debut as boss of hosts Mexico in 1986. He took them to the second round, as he did Costa Rica in Italy in 1990, then hosts the United States in 1994. Last time out, at France 98, Milutinovic switched horses yet again but still reached the second round, this time with Nigeria.

The Serb's success with China, however, is the first time he has brought a nation through the qualifying rounds successfully. Mexico in 1986 and the USA in 1994 were both hosts; Costa Rica and Nigeria ran to him for help only a few months before the 1990 and 1998 finals respectively.

**WORLD SOCCER: Is it true someone suggested raising a statue of you next to the statue of Mao in Tiananmen Square?**
BORA MILUTINOVIC: After what I have achieved in such a short time, maybe they should put a statue of me in place of Mao!

**Did winning your Asian qualifying group change anything in particular for you?**
The only difference is that even in China now I can't go out in the street or walk into a restaurant without provoking a riot – a happy one, of course. Otherwise, life overall is much the same. I am working in football, which is my life, I have plenty of friends, enough money. And China will go to the World Cup for the first time in football history. What more could you want?

**China must have tremendous resources, but no one else has got them to the finals. What has been the secret of your success?**
I think my strength as a coach is in adapting the way I have always worked to the temperament and lifestyle of the players I find. In China, for example, there are attitudes and habits totally different to anything I've come across before. But the people also possess wonderful qualities to work with. For example, because the Chinese – from a very young age – are used to listening to their leaders, they have a great sense of personal and collective discipline. That's perfect for anyone who has to organise a Chinese football team.

**There must be drawbacks as well?**
Certainly. Football is a team game in which players must sometimes take individual responsibility on the pitch. China has some highly talented players but too often they are reluctant to take personal initiative. Sometimes that is essential to give you an element of surprise against the opposition.

**What were the Chinese team like when you arrived in January 2000?**
They had played only one international in the whole of the previous year – a 1-0 win against Iran in Shanghai – so there was no sense of team spirit. Understandably. I also knew that because Asian teams have little contact with top-level and European football, they would be short on experience. It's only in the past few years that they have had a professional League, and only three footballers play abroad – Fan Zhiyi at Crystal Palace in England and now Dundee in Scotland, and two in the German Second Division: Yang Chen at Eintracht Frankfurt and Xie Hui at Aachen. So, all in all, they weren't very competitive.

**What were your initial targets?**
The first thing I had to persuade the federation to do was arrange a lot of friendly matches; I think we have played more than 25 in two and a half years. We also had to arrange matches against different types of opposition so that the players could get used to coping with different styles. After that, it was a question of building the right spirit in the squad.

**When did you think you were turning the corner?**
It was a gradual process. There were two key moments. The first was at the Asian Cup in the autumn of last year when we lost 3-2 – deservedly – to Japan in the semi-finals. That was the first time, oddly, perhaps, I saw the players starting to believe in themselves. Then I remember one of our first matches in the World Cup qualifying tournament, against Indonesia last May. We were 1-0 down at half-time but recovered to win 5-1. Suddenly I saw we had developed the confidence that we could go all the way to the finals. Then do you know that 500 million people watched on television the 1-0 win over Oman that got us to the finals?

**How would you judge the team now?**
They are playing better than even I expected and our World Cup qualifying record – 12 wins and one draw from 14 matches – shows how consistent we have become. I think some people have said I was lucky. But in those games we scored 38 goals and conceded only five. I think that is more than lucky. We also have some excellent young players. At the World Youth Cup earlier this year we were beaten 2-1 in the second round by Argentina – who were hosts and went on to win it. I have already promoted three of those players into the senior squad.

**What can the rest of the world expect of China at the World Cup finals?**
I have told the players to go away and enjoy the success of qualifying because there will be plenty of hard work ahead in the next eight months. But team spirit is good, and I know the players will work hard with no distractions. After that, well, I have been a national team manager now for more than 260 matches so I think I know – better than anyone – that anything can happen.

'We were 1-0 down in our qualifying game against Indonesia but hit back to win 5-1. I knew then the team had the confidence to go all the way to the finals'

**Is taking China to the finals the greatest achievement of your career?**
That's hard to tell – there have been so many! Beating Scotland 1-0 in Italy with Costa Rica, when I had taken over the team only two months before and they had never been to the finals, was a pretty big achievement. I suppose that managing China to the finals for the first time is a historic event in football terms. But my achievement, for what it's worth, is not what matters most. What's really important is that the players have achieved their ambition and that the Chinese people have something to celebrate.

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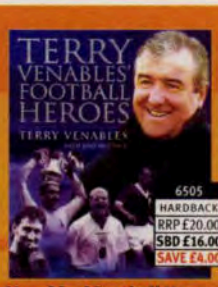


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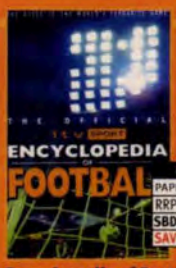


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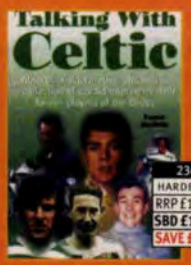


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Favourite sons...Gustavo Lopez and skipper Alexander Mostovoi are mainstays of the Celta team

# The Galician challenge

## Jeff King reports on La Liga's most in-form side and a powerful new force in Spanish football

IN 1991, Deportivo La Coruna were promoted to the Spanish top flight after an 18-year absence. A year later they were joined by Galician neighbours Celta Vigo, a club that had spent 20 of the previous 33 seasons in the Second Division.

Depor have been a fixture in Spain's top three ever since and won their first League title in 2000. Vigo's Sky Blues took longer to warm up, but after four seasons on the verge of Champions League qualification, they are very much a part of Galicia's challenge to La Liga's Madrid/Barcelona axis.

Vigo is 30 kilometres from Portugal's northern tip but 900 from Barcelona. Its population is 283,000 to La Coruna's 243,000. As clubs based in a relatively isolated region, that have average crowds of barely 25,000, the Galician duo rely on stealth and savvy to compete with Spain's traditional heavyweights. Like Depor guru Augosto Lendoiro, Celta president Horacio Gomez is a shrewd businessman who recruits capable coaching staff and lets them get on with their jobs.

Gomez stepped up from vice-president in 1995 just in time to save Celta from the ignominy of relegation for administrative reasons. The Sky Blues were officially Second Division fodder for 15 days after failing to provide the League with a £200,000 bank guarantee under a new law requiring Spanish clubs to become limited companies.

Two years later newly-appointed coach Javier Irureta led Celta to sixth place, the club's highest finish in 50 years. When he defected to Deportivo, Gomez turned to Victor Fernandez, the architect of Zaragoza's mid-1990s success. Irureta's one-year reign upped the ante, but these days Celta are very much Fernandez's team. Midfield tsars Alexander Mostovoi and Valeri Karpin are the only survivors from the squad he inherited in 1998.

Celta have finished fifth, seventh and sixth under Fernandez and kicked-off the new season with a 10-game unbeaten run. Two League defeats overall since Christmas represent more than a short, sharp burst of form. A 2001 calendar table going into November read: Celta 57 points, Depor 56, Real Madrid 54, Valencia 46, Barcelona 46.

The Sky Blues have made their mark on Europe, too; former European Champions Liverpool, Juventus, Benfica, Red Star Belgrade and Aston Villa are among their scalps in runs to three consecutive UEFA Cup quarter-finals. Not bad considering the club's previous European experience was limited to a 3-0 aggregate defeat by Aberdeen in the first round of the 1971-72 UEFA Cup.

Like Deportivo, Celta have made Galicia an inhospitable place for visitors; and not just because of the Atlantic chill and driving rain. In three of the past four seasons, they have lost just a single game at the 31,800-capacity Balaidos stadium. Real Madrid have shipped 15 goals in five straight defeats to Vigo, while last season Depor and Valencia also lost at Balaidos.

Away from home it was a less flattering story. Celta lost at the Bernabeu, Riazor and Mestalla without scoring a goal. And defeats at Second Division-bound Oviedo, Racing Santander and Numancia confirmed their reputation as a side reluctant to roll up their sleeves on less glamorous stages. Draws at Real Madrid and Depor in a five-match unbeaten away start to 2001-02 suggest they are no longer a soft touch on the road.

Halfway through last season Fernandez found himself under fire from disgruntled fans after a three-points-from-24 slump left Celta in the bottom six. Gomez reacted by extending his coach's contract by a year. That vote of confidence was rewarded with club record runs of five straight wins and 11 games unbeaten. The Spanish Cup Final against Zaragoza was pitched as the culmination of four years of crowd-pleasing football. When Mostovoi scored after three minutes Celta looked destined to lift their first major trophy. Instead they went to pieces and lost 3-1 to markedly inferior opposition. In the players' defence, InterToto participation meant Celta's season had lasted a staggering 350 days.

This season, the only starting addition to Fernandez's Cup Final XI has been defensive anchor

Peter Luccin from Paris Saint-Germain. "We're not necessarily a better team this season," says the coach, "but we have a deeper, more balanced squad."

Much is expected of Silvinho and Florian Maurice. If only Zvonimir Boban had stuck around. With Mostovoi away on international duty, the Croatian was outstanding against Valencia. A week later he

If only...Boban's spell in Vigo was all too short

'If we can finish in the top four and qualify for the Champions League it will be marvellous'

*coach Victor Fernandez*

Fortress Celta...the club's compact Balaidos stadium has proved an inhospitable place for visiting teams

didn't get off the bench at Malaga. That snub and a mere 75 minutes' action in six other games convinced a proud character to retire. Mostovoi is untouchable as Celta's attacking fulcrum, but the feeling is that Fernandez could have found a more significant role for Boban.

Tempting the Croat to Vigo on loan didn't work out, but when it comes to gambles, Celta's technical secretary Felix Carnero wins more than most. Brazilian World Cup winner Mazinho cost £600,000 in 1996 and was La Liga's most consistent midfield pivot until suffering a debilitating injury in 1999. Mostovoi was a bargain at £1.2million; Karpin cost a mere £700,000. Claude Makelele, Ito and Turdo cost £3.8m combined and were sold for £17.5m. Gustavo Lopez, Juanfran, Juan Velasco, Sergio and Pablo Cavallero are all worth far more than Celta paid for them. The club's record outlay is the relatively modest £8m on Catanha.

Carnero has cast his net wide in search of bargains. Celta's 15 foreign players is a Liga high. That leaves little room for local talent. World Under-20 champion Pablo Counago emigrated to Ipswich in search of his fortune. He was hardly breaking new ground. Galicians share celtic roots and itchy feet with the Irish. The region's 2.74 million population is almost matched by the two million Galicians who live elsewhere, two-thirds of them abroad.

So can Celta coax their football-loving diaspora back to Vigo with trophies? The Sky Blues' midfield is the equal of any in Spain, but a League title seems out of reach while the attack is led by journeymen. Despite the probing approach work of Mostovoi, Karpin and Lopez, Celta scored only 51 goals last year; 12 sides scored more, including relegated Oviedo. New boy Catanha contributed 16 but the rest of Fernandez's nominal strikers managed just three between them.

Benni McCarthy was top scorer in 1999-00 with eight goals; Lubo Penev, 14, and Juan Sanchez, 10, his immediate predecessors. Unless the injury-jinxed Maurice recovers his form of three or four years ago, Catanha will continue to plough a lonely furrow.

Fernandez, for one, is aware of his side's limitations, although they are at least free to concentrate on the league after an early exit from the UEFA Cup to Czechs Slovan Liberec. "The League title is not a topic of conversation in our dressing-room," he insists. "If we can finish in the top four for the first time and qualify for the Champions League it will be a marvellous achievement."

● *Squad pen pics are over the page.*

Comeback...Fernandez

## THE COACH
**Victor FERNANDEZ**

Born: 28.11.60

In six seasons (1991-1996) in charge at home-town club Zaragoza, Fernandez built a side that was both entertaining and successful. The 1994 Spanish Cup Final victory against Celta was followed by the 1995 Cup-winners Cup triumph against Arsenal. Rot set in as key players moved to bigger clubs or simply aged, and Fernandez was sacked 11 games into the 1996-97 campaign. Dumped again after 10 games of the 1997-98 season by Tenerife, the articulate, media-friendly coach has bounced back in style at Celta.

## GOALKEEPERS
**Pablo CAVALLERO (Arg)**

13.04.74

The former Velez Sarsfield keeper will fight it out with German Burgos and Roberto Bonano for a place in Argentina's World Cup side. He lacks the physical presence of his two competitors but is more agile. Joined Celta from Espanyol, where he won the 2000 Spanish Cup.

**Jose Manuel PINTO**

08.11.75

Former Betis apprentice in his fourth season at Celta. Has made 37 League appearances in the past two campaigns as a quality alternative to Dutruel and Cavallero.

## DEFENDERS
**Eduardo BERIZZO (Arg)**

13.11.69

His previous spell in Europe, at Marseille in 1999-00, lasted just 13 games, but he quickly established himself as Celta's defensive linchpin after his January 2000 transfer from River Plate. Dangerous in the air at set-pieces and a potent left-footed distributor. The last of his 15 caps was a six-minute cameo against Chile in November 2000.

**Fernando CACERES (Arg)**

07.02.69

Centre-back who has racked up more than 250 games in Spain with Zaragoza, Valencia and, since 1998, Celta. Remains a formidable competitor albeit less impetuous than the player who was a Cup-winners Cup winner under Fernandez. Capped 31 times but no longer in the international frame.

**JUANFRAN**

15.07.76

His ungainly gait recalls Real Madrid legend Gordillo but Juanfran is an effective, if occasionally hot-headed performer. Amedeo Carboni's excellence forced Valencia to release the tall left-back in 1999. He has since been capped three times in a position where Spain are spoilt for choice.

**SERGIO**

23.05.77

An iron-jawed centre-back with an attitude to match, Sergio is a product of Sporting Gijon's famed academy. Started 25 games in his 1999-00 debut campaign at Celta but missed the whole of last season with a knee ligament injury.

**SILVINHO (Bra)**

12.04.74

Roberto Carlos' international understudy ended Nigel Winterburn's long reign on Arsenal's left flank only to lose his place to the emerging Ashley Cole. Unless Hector Cuper acts on Inter's interest in Juanfran, Silvinho will again struggle to make the starting XI at club level. Joined Celta for £3.5m.

**Juan VELASCO**

17.05.77

Joined from Sevilla in 1999 as the replacement for Michel Salgado. Like his predecessor at right-back, Velasco catches the eye going forward but is defensively vulnerable. The last of his five caps was in August 2001, but Manuel Pablo's long-term injury could mean a recall.

## MIDFIELDERS
**DORIVA (Bra)**

28.05.72

Like fellow 2000 recruit Vagner (now out of favour after a fracas with a policeman in the Balaidos car park), Doriva suffers from Celta's overbooking in his favoured midfield anchor role. Former clubs include Porto (1997-98) and Sampdoria (1998-2000). Eleven caps for Brazil but none in the past 18 months.

**EDU (Bra)**

10.01.79

Tricky, incisive player who offers versatile cover for Mostovoi, Lopez or Karpin. Took several months to settle in after his 2000 move from Sao Paulo, but proved an effective performer later on last season.

Pugnacious...Karpin

**Everton GIOVANELLA (Bra)**

13.09.70

Tough-tackling midfielder who joined in 1999 after three seasons at Salamanca. Undisputed first choice alongside Luccin.

**GUSTAVO LOPEZ (Arg)**

13.04.73

Fernandez returned to Zaragoza in 1999 to poach this out-of-contract left winger. Mazy dribbler who unlike many of the breed also brings consistency to the table. Equally adept at beating defenders on the outside or cutting inside to shoot, Lopez isn't a regular starter for Argentina but is one of Marcelo Bielsa's first options off the bench.

**Valeri KARPIN (Rus)**

02.02.69

By turns elegant and pugnacious, the Russian international has been one of La Liga's most complete midfielders for eight seasons, at Real Sociedad, Valencia and Celta. Like Mostovoi, he caught Spanish eyes when Moscow Spartak knocked Real Madrid out of the 1991 European Cup.

Bargain...Luccin

**Peter LUCCIN (Fra)**

09.04.79

Surrounded by stylists who do even the simplest things with a flourish, this slight but resolute Frenchman is all measured economy in the midfield holding role. Only 22, but he has already played for France's big three: Bordeaux, Marseille and Paris Saint-Germain. On loan from the latter with a £6m buy-out option. On current form, that represents a real bargain.

**Alexander MOSTOVOI (Rus)**

22.08.68

Once considered incorrigibly anarchic, the 33-year-old playmaker is now club captain and playing the most focused football of his life. His promise seemed to have evaporated during a nomadic existence at Benfica, Caen and Strasbourg, but he has rebuilt his reputation in Spain. Nicknamed 'The Tsar of St Petersburg', his repertoire of flicks and no-look passes recalls Michael Laudrup at his peak. His never-say-die, trash-talking attitude is all Hristo Stoichkov.

## FORWARDS
**CATANHA**

06.03.72

After three years of Second Division football at Salamanca, Leganes and Malaga, the Brazilian's relatively late introduction to top-flight football was marked by 24 goals for the latter in 1999-00. Never elegant, but a handful for defenders, even on bad days. Capped three times by Spain after acquiring dual nationality but is unlikely to make the World Cup squad. Nicknamed 'The Crab' but celebrates his goals with an impersonation of a seagull.

**JESULI**

24.01.78

Talented if lightweight winger who played 24 games last season after impressing at home-town club Sevilla in 1999-00.

**Florian MAURICE (Fra)**

20.01.74

His rash of goals for Lyon and Marseille led to him being linked with Real Madrid. Then came a crippling knee injury. After two frustrating seasons the Frenchman is looking to rebuild his career in Spain. Six France caps but none since 1999.

Handful...Catanha

**Benni McCARTHY (SAf)**

12.11.77

Looked a real talent with 20 goals in 36 games at Ajax (1997-1999) but has made little impact in Spain. The 24-year-old South African is regularly linked with English clubs but his 19-game scoring duck in the League last season is one good reason no deal has been struck.

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## Burchill on Beckham

Julie Burchill

*(Yellow Jersey/Random House, £10)*

*Burchill on Beckham* is the most extravagantly unusual football book you are ever likely to read: for one singular reason.

Some 31 years ago Burchill, then 11, was taken to watch Bristol Rovers by her fan of a father. She has not been back to a football match since. She boasts of having no interest in the game and no knowledge about it.

You want to ask where Burchill has been all these years and how she qualifies to address the subject of England's pop-age captain. That, in itself, is the answer: it's Beckham's attainment of iconic status that is the subject of Burchill's fascination, not the football context. Given Burchill's contented ignorance about the game, this is the only approach open to her.

Books, whether about football, food, politics or warfare, are written traditionally by people with some knowledge of the issue – be it as observer (fan or journalist) or participant. Burchill has never been either a close observer of sport or a participant. "Women's sport is for pervs," she sighs.

Readers familiar with Burchill's approach may be surprised by the tone of the book. The acid drops are outnumbered by the soft centres. This is not the Burchill once described as "charging up the spite and hate glands"; this is an intriguingly softer Burchill. Motherly, even, endlessly excusing and condoning her son's adolescent self-indulgence.

Burchill writes easily, freely. That's another reason why these 15,000 words are unlikely to win enormous critical approval in and around the game. Football's bookshelves groan with tomes dripping the sweat of hours, days, weeks, months, even years of disciplined research into the biographical minutiae of an infinite number of players, managers and clubs. *Burchill on Beckham* does not descend anywhere near this literary boot-room category.

She doesn't care. Why should she? She is self-possessed of artistic security, whatever the well-chronicled adventures of her public/private life. Here, too, she can empathise with Beckham – though not with his wife. Burchill has no soft, motherly words for Victoria and "her absence of any talent".

Beckham is different. Burchill likes what she perceives of him, albeit at second hand since they have never met; which may appear odd for a biographer of a living subject.

"I'm a writer, not a reporter," explains Burchill. "I'd be no good as a reporter. I'm an essayist and essayists sit in their rooms and write profound thoughts."

Even better if they can patent the gift of perfect timing. The words were already tidied away when Beckham arrowed home the free-kick against Greece that will reward Burchill's endeavours with even more fuss and fortune than she and her publishers could have dreamed.

That is an ironic little twist to the tale and one she might not appreciate – although one assumes essayists accept that they must lean parasitically on the talents of others or they would have nothing to write about.

Indeed, observing Burchill lay bare the width, breadth and depth of her ignorance about football, one wonders how much credibility to assign to any of her essays about anything. "Who's that?" she enquires, pointing at a picture of Sir Alex Ferguson, and barely appears to register recognition at the answer. She is amused that Arsenal employ a man named Arsene as manager – "I wonder if he changed his name to get the job?"

Only when Burchill's conversation skips from the managerial abilities of "Sven-Gordon" to the prospect of writing a novel for teenagers about teenage lesbians do you start feeling like a clockwork toy she is winding up to cope with the tedium of the promotional round.

*Burchill on Beckham* is, she explains, written from the feminist angle – "He's everything women would want from a new man if men could only get their act together." He is "a throwback" to the likes of Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney, an era when "players didn't behave like yobs and cretins".

Of course, Burchill concedes she might be wrong. "I am dreading he might take up modern painting after he retires or is still being pictured wearing that sarong when he's 40."

Burchill is safe. Pop icons burn themselves out sooner rather than later. Fashions change. The young choose heroes from their peers rather than their parents' generation.

Not that Burchill is necessarily finished with Beckham yet, whatever she may profess. She has accepted a commission to attend the World Cup finals for a women's magazine.

"How long do they last? Five weeks? No way – I'm out of there in 10 days, at most!"

Just think: by next summer Julie Burchill may not only have attended her second football match in 30-plus years, she might even have watched David Beckham play.

***Keir Radnedge***

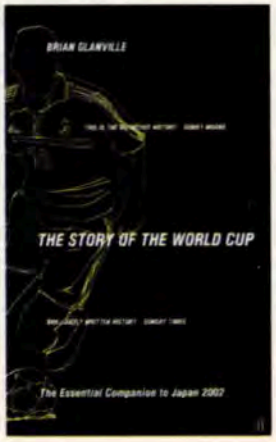
'Burchill boasts of having no interest in football...but likes what she perceives of Beckham, even though they have never met'

## OTHER BOOKS

*World Soccer* readers will be on much firmer ground with the new edition of Brian Glanville's *The Story of the World Cup* (Faber and Faber, £9.99). If there is a better, more comprehensive history of the competition, it has yet to be written. In his review of France 98, Glanville, preparing to cover his 11th finals, rightly focuses on Brazil's controversial selection of Ronaldo for the Final against France. Essential reading ahead of next year's finals.

In *Back Home: England and the 1970 World Cup* (Orion, £18.99), Jeff Dawson has produced a vivid account of England's adventure in Mexico. Essentially a football book but one adeptly placed in its historical and social context. An absorbing tale of robbery, skulduggery, intrigue and some of the best football ever played.

In his meticulously researched book *Madiba's Boys: The Stories of Lucas Radebe and Mark Fish* (New Africa Books, £15.95), Graeme Friedman has neatly interwoven the biographies of the two players within a broader perspective of a South Africa society in a state of transition. The author clearly knows his subjects well, enabling him to create an intimate yet authoritative account of two of South Africa's most admired sporting ambassadors.




In *The Making of Nigeria's Super Eagles* (Filippo Maria Ricci, £13 approx), Chuka Onwumechili attempts to bring a modicum of order to the previously uncharted history of Nigerian football. While the book focuses on more recent triumphs up to and beyond the Olympic success of 1996, the mountain of statistical data in the appendices alone would justify a purchase.

*Always Next Year* (When Saturday Comes, £9.99), the third in a series of annual retrospectives from *When Saturday Comes*, is an eclectic but entertaining reminder of the 2000-01 season.

*Hooligan Wars: Causes and Effects of Football Violence* (Mainstream, £9.99) is an attempt by Mark Perryman to wrest discussion of hooliganism away from the sociologists. By and large it works, with interesting contributions from the likes of Patrick Barclay and Simon Inglis, as well as psychologist Dorothy Rowe and professional ex-hooligan Dougie Brimson.

On a completely different tack is *Football – The Golden Age* (Cassell, £30), a wonderful collection of photographs from the Hulton Getty archive.

***Gavin Hamilton & Jamie Rainbow***

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*Oct 12 - Tehran - WC qual*
**Iran 2** (Mahdavikia 27, Karimi 70)
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**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Kim (SKo)
**Iran:** Mirzapour - Mahdavikia, Minavand, Peyravani, Bagheri, Kavianpour, Karimi, Daei, Vahedinikbakht, Nekoonam, Rezaei.
**Iraq:** Jameel - Ridha, Taher, Tahir, Farhan (Abbas 58), Hadi, Sabbar, Abolheel (Ajeel 76), Hassan Atea, Drain (Hassum 86), T Mohammad.

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*Oct 13 - Shenyang - WC qual*
**China 3** (Su Maozhen 11, Qu Bo 29, Hao Haidong 56)
**Qatar 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 43,850. **Ref:** Archundia (Mex)
**China:** An Qi - Zhang Enhua, Wu Chengying, Sun Jihai (Chen Gang 81), Li Tie, Ma Mingyu (Yu Genwei 72), Hao Haidong (Li Ming 60), Su Maozhen, Qu Bo, Du Wei, Qi Hong.
**Qatar:** Al-Romaihi - J Al-Kuwari, F Al-Kuwari (Al-Qusi 46), Seydna Ali, S Al-Kathiri (Bujaloof 46), Mahmoud, M Al-Blooshi (Alishaq 68), Al-Tamimi, Mohd, Abdulla, Rasoui. *Sent off: Al-Tamimi 80min.*

*Oct 13 - Muscat - WC qual*
**Oman 4** (Y J Al-Mukhaini 50, 82, Dorbeen 51, Al-Mahrouqi 88)
**Uzbekistan 2** (Davletov 5, Ashoor og 27)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 400. **Ref:** Okada (Jap)
**Oman:** Al-Mazroi - Al-Sadi, Y J Al-Mukhaini, Mustahail, Al-Balushi, Al-Harbi, Dorbeen, Al-Siyabi (M Al-Mukhaini 63), H Al-Noobi (Rashid 68), N Z Al-Mukhaini (Al-Mahrouqi 75), Ashoor.
**Uzbekistan:** Polyakov - Ashurmatov, Kassymov, Lushan, Vlagrcher (Annamatov 60), Irismetov, Faiziev (Alikulov 52), Shatskikh (Akopyants 46), Khvostunov, Davletov, Shirshov.

### Sunday, October 14

*Oct 14 - Bamako, Mali - Four-team tnmt Final*
**Mali 2** (Doukante 9, Bakayoko 15)
**Morocco 1** (Roki)
**HT:** 2-1

*Oct 14 - Bamako, Mali - Four-team tnmt 3rd-place*
**South Africa XI 2** (Nhleko 2)
**Gambia 2** (Gomez 2)
**HT:** 1-2
*No penalties; game ended as a draw*

### Monday, October 15

*Oct 15 - Annaba - friendly*
**Algeria 2** (Ghazi 47, Kraouche 59)
**Burkina Faso 0**
**HT:** 0-0

### Tuesday, October 16

*Oct 16 - Bangkok - WC qual*
**Thailand 1** (Worrawoot 21)
**Bahrain 1** (Salman Maki 90)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Abdul Hamid (Mly)
**Thailand:** Phansa - Thanongsak, Niweat, Choketawee, Chukiat, Thawatchai (Witthaya 85), Nirut (Therdsak 25), Kiatisuk, Worrawoot (Sutee 78), Dusit, Sakesan. *Sent off: Choketawee 74min.*
**Bahrain:** R Abdulla - Husain Mohamed, Saleh (Salman Maki 70), Al-Kuwarie (Taleb 59), Abduirahaman, K Al-Doseri, Salem, Talal Yusuf Mohamed (Hasan 51), Ghuloom, Eid Rafia, A Abdullah.

### Friday, October 19

*Oct 19 - Abu Dhabi - WC qual*
**United Arab Emirates 2** (Ibrahim Mohamed 45, Ahmed 59)
**Oman 2** (Al-Siyabi 21, Al-Dhabit 41)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Mandani (Kuw)
**UAE:** Abdulla - Ibrahim Mohamed, Ali Musabbah, Abdul Rahman, Ahmed, A Mohamed (Y S Ali 60), A R Jumaa (A S Jumaa 82), Sebait, Ali Masoud, Rashed, H A Ali (Saeed 46).
**Oman:** Al-Mazroi - Al-Hasni, Y J Al-Mukhaini (Nairooz 62), Mustahail, Al-Balushi, Al-Harbi, Dorbeen, Al-Siyabi, M Al-Noobi (Ramadhan 69), Al-Dhabit, Al-Mahrouqi (Faraj 46).

*Oct 19 - Tashkent - WC qual*
**Uzbekistan 1** (Shirshov 90)
**China 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Badilla Sequeira (CR)
**Uzbekistan:** Safonov - Ashurmatov, Alikulov, Kassymov, Lushan, Irismetov (Hamidulaev 67), Faiziev (Muminjanov 85), Shatskikh, Khvostunov, Davletov, Shirshov.
**China:** Ou Chuliang (Fu Bing 70) - Wu Chengying (Yang Pu 75), Li Ming, Su Maozhen (Shao Yi Jia 63), Li Weifeng, Shen Si, Qu Bo, Du Wei, Li Xiaopeng, Qi Hong, Wei Xin.

### Sunday, October 21

*Oct 21 - Nassau - friendly*
**Bahamas 0**
**Haiti 2** (Boucicot 26, Ulcenat pen 86)
**HT:** 0-1

*Oct 21 - Manama - WC qual*
**Bahrain 3** (A Mohamed 7, Ali Ahmed 45, Husain Mohamed 90)
**Iran 1** (Daei 81)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Batres Gonzalez (Gtm)
**Bahrain:** R Abdulla - Husain Mohamed, A Mohamed, Al-Kuwarie, Salmeen, Yusuf Mohamed (Salman Maki 76), Ghuloom (Juma 64), Eid Rafia, Taleb, Ali Ahmed, Al-Mishkkhas. *Sent off: A Mohamed 79min.*
**Iran:** Mirzapour - Mahdavikia, Peyravani, Bagheri, Kavianpour, Karimi, Dinmohammadi, Daei, Vahedinikbakht, Nekoonam (Samereh 46), Rezaei. *Sent off: Dinmohammadi 73min, Vahedinikbakht 81min.*

*Oct 21 - Riyadh - WC qual*
**Saudi Arabia 4** (Bin Shehan 41, Abdullah Al-Dosary 50, Al-Jaber 67, Al-Harbi 73)
**Thailand 1** (Sakesan 58)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 27,000. **Ref:** Hall (USA)
**Saudi Arabia:** Al-Deayea - Abdullah Saleh Al-Dosari, Zubromawi, Al-Harbi, Abdullah Al-Dosary, Al-Jaber, S Al-Dosari, Ahmed D Al-Dosari, Sulimani (Al-Saqri 84), Bin Shehan (Al-Shlhoob 69), Al-Ghamdi (K Al-Dosari 71).
**Thailand:** Kittisak - Thanongsak, Niweat, Witthaya, Chukiat (Sutee 80), Tawan, Kiatisuk, Worrawoot, Jirasirichote Surachai, Sakesan, Tananchai.

### Wednesday, October 24

*Oct 24 - Arusha, Tanzania - Four-nation tnmt*
**Kenya 0**
**Uganda 0**
**Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Omar (Tan)
*Kenya 4-2 on pens*
**Kenya:** Onyango (Ochieng 89) - Oduor (Simiyu 67), Odhiambo, Waweru, Otieno, Okello, Sirengo, Muiruri, Omondi (Eyenga 78), Mulama, Mambo.
**Uganda:** Kawalya - Malinga, Kizito, Gonzaga, Juuko, Nsubuga, Kalungi, Magumba (Kabeta 73), Mutenza, Mubiru, Kinene.

*Oct 24 - Arusha, Tanzania - Four-nation tnmt*
**Tanzania 2** (John 10, 87)
**DR Congo 2** (Bageta 44, Bukasa 67)
**HT:** 1-1. **Ref:** Bukenya (Uga)
*Tanzania 4-2 on pens*
**Tanzania:** Manyika - Maxime, Modest, Pasuwa, Mwansasu, Matola (Mahadih 72), Maulidi, Macho, Gabriel (Edward 53), John, Kaniki.
**DR Congo:** Kalemba - Mundele, Kisombe, Mukando, Bageta, Inunu (Bukasa 52), Mungunu, Loweya (Momikia 76), Makondele, Kibondo, Betu (Bazamba 83).

### Thursday, October 25

*Oct 25 - Tehran - WC qual play-off, 1st leg*
**Iran 1** (Bagheri 45)
**United Arab Emirates 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Kim (SKo)
**Iran:** Mirzapour - Minavand, Peyravani, Bagheri (Nekoonam 81), Kavianpour, Karimi, Khaziravi, Golmohammadi, Jamshidi (Samereh 89), Rahbarifard, Rezaei.
**UAE:** Abdulla - Ibrahim Mohamed, Ali Musabbah, Abdul Rahman, Ahmed (Bakhit 80), A Mohamed (Mubarak 46), A R Jumaa, Saeed, Sebait (Y S Ali 63), Ali Masoud, Rashed.

### Saturday, October 27

*Oct 27 - Mwanza, Tanzania - Four-nation tnmt 3-pl*
**DR Congo 0**
**Uganda 1** (Isabirye 58)
**HT:** 0-0. **Ref:** Bhagazal (Ken)
**DR Congo:** Sukami - Biku, Mundele, Bukasa, Mukando, Makondele (Loweya 67), Bazamba (Kisombe 68), Bageta, Momikia, Nkuwu (Kibondo 73), Mungunu.
**Uganda:** Kawalya - Malinga, Kizito, Gonzaga, Juuko, Nsubuga, Kalungi (Kinene 67), Magumba, Kasule, Isabirye (Mutenza 84), Mubiru. *Sent off: Kinene 88min.*

*Oct 27 - Mwanza, Tanzania - Four-nation tnmt Final*
**Tanzania 3** (Macho 26, Gabriel 67, Edward 90)
**Kenya 1** (Mambo 86)
**HT:** 1-0. **Ref:** Ntambadila (DRC)
**Tanzania:** Manyika - Maxime, Modest, Pawasa, Mwansasu, Mahadih (Matola 10), Maulidi, Edward, Macho, Kaniki (Gabriel 61), John.
**Kenya:** Onyango - Oduor, Odhiambo (Omondi 73), Waweru, Otieno, Okello, Juma (Simiyu 64), Mulama, Mambo, Muiruri, Eyenga (Sirengo 46).

*Oct 27 - Tel Aviv - WC qual*
**Israel 1** (Gershon pen 56)
**Austria 1** (Herzog 90)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 41,000. **Ref:** Melo Pereira (Por)
**Israel:** Awat - Ben Dayan, Benado, Gershon, Talker - Keissi, Banin (Tal 26) - Berkovic, Nimni - Revivo (Katan 52), Abuksis.
**Austria:** Wohlfahrt - Strafner (Wallner 69), Winklhofer, Prilasnig, Vukovic - Schopp (Lexa 60), Kitzbichler (Kocijan 74), Markus Hiden, Herzog - Vastic, Haas.

### Wednesday, October 31

*Oct 31 - Puebla - friendly*
**Mexico 4** (E Martinez og 9, Johan Rodriguez 19, Zague 31, T Campos 69)
**El Salvador 1** (Cabrera 66)
**HT:** 3-0. **Ref:** Hall (USA)
**Mexico:** O Perez (O Sanchez 68) - A Rodriguez, Suarez, Brown, R Garcia, Mercado (Villa 46), Zepeda (Saavedra 46), Johan Rodriguez, Garcia Aspe (T Campos 56), J Garcia, Zague (Victorino 56).
**El Salvador:** Gomez (Rivera 46) - Garcia, E Martinez, V Velasquez, Cubias, Osorio (Umanzor 80), Cabrera, Navarro, Cancura, Corrales (Ramirez 68), Galdamez (Salas 87).

*Oct 31 - Abu Dhabi - WC qual play-off, 2nd leg*
**United Arab Emirates 0**
**Iran 3** (Daei 7, Bagheri 76, Minavand 79)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Kamikawa (Jap)
*Iran 4-0 on agg*
**UAE:** Abdulla - Ibrahim Mohamed, Ali Musabbah (Sebait 20), A S Jumaa (Bakhit 46), Abdul Rahman, Ahmed, A R Jumaa, Saeed, Ali Masoud, Rashed, K Ali (Khater 67). *Sent off: Abdul Rahman 52min.*
**Iran:** Mirzapour - Minavand (Dinmohammadi 85), Peyravani, Bagheri, Kavianpour, Karimi, Daei, Khaziravi (Nekoonam 90), Golmohammadi (Rahbarifard 69), Jamshidi, Rezaei. *Sent off: Jamshidi 8min.*

### Saturday, November 3

*Nov 3 - Bamako, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp A*
**Benin 2**
**Guinea-Bissau 7**

*Nov 3 - Bamako, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp A*
**Mali 3**
**Mauritania 2**

*Nov 3 - Sikasso, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp B*
**Gambia 1**
**Senegal U-23 1**

### Monday, November 5

*Nov 5 - Segou, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp A*
**Benin 2**
**Mauritania 0**

*Nov 5 - Segou, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp A*
**Mali 2**
**Guinea-Bissau 0**

*Nov 5 - Sikasso, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp B*
**Cape Verde Islands 1**
**Senegal U-23 5**

### Wednesday, November 7

*Nov 7 - La Paz - WC qual*
**Bolivia 3** (L Paz 41, Baldivieso 69, pen 89)
**Brazil 1** (Edilson 26)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 32,574. **Ref:** Solorzano Torres (Ven)
**Bolivia:** Soria - J M Pena, J C Garcia, Colque (O Sanchez 68), Olivares, Ribeiro, Rojas, Botero, Baldivieso, L Paz (Castillo 76), Galindo (L Gutierrez 56).
**Brazil:** Marcos - Cafu, Lucio, Juan (Juninho Paulista 76), Edmilson, Serginho, Emerson Ferreira, Vampeta (Gilberto 62), Ze Roberto (Denilson 56), Rivaldo, Edilson.

*Nov 7 - Bogota - WC qual*
**Colombia 3** (Grisales 17, Angel 68, Gonzalez 70)
**Chile 1** (Riveros 40)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 16,050. **Ref:** Gimenez (Arg)
**Colombia:** O Cordoba - I Cordoba, Yepes, Cortes, Bolano (Castillo 46), Valentierra (Mina 74), Angel, F Asprilla (Castro 59), Gonzalez, Restrepo, Grisales.
**Chile:** S Vargas - Munoz, Ormazabal, Riveros (Medina 72), Navia (Martel 73), J Vargas, Villarroel, Robles, Villaseca, Cancino, Norambuela (Almendra 77). *Sent off: Cancino 25min, Villarroel 66min, Ormazabal 79min, Villaseca 90min.*

*Nov 7 - Quito - WC qual*
**Ecuador 1** (Kaviedes 73)
**Uruguay 1** (Olivera pen 44)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Ramos Rizo (Mex)
**Ecuador:** Cevallos - I Hurtado, De la Cruz, Obregon, Guerron (Fernandez 68), Kaviedes (Gomez 77), Delgado, Chala (A Aguinaga 58), Espinosa, Mendez, Tenorio.
**Uruguay:** Carini - Tais, Lembo, Montero, Garcia, Guigou, Romero, De los Santos, Silva (C Morales 74), Olivera (Sanchez 52), Recoba (Perez 84).

*Nov 7 - Saitama - friendly*
**Japan 1** (Yanagisawa 9)
**Italy 1** (Doni 51)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 61,833. **Ref:** Jun (Chn)
**Japan:** Sogahata - Morioka, Miyamoto, K Nakata - Hato (Myojin 73), Toda, Inamoto (Ito 75), Ono (Hattori 70) - Morishima (H Nakata 46) - Takahara (Suzuki 46; Nakayama 87), Yanagisawa (Nishizawa 67).
**Italy:** Buffon - Cannavaro, Nesta, Iuliano - Zambrotta, Gattuso, Di Biagio (Zanetti 46), Coco (Pancaro 67) - Totti (Doni 46; Di Livio 89) - F Inzaghi (Fiore 87), Del Piero (Delvecchio 59).

*Nov 7 - Segou, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp A*
**Mali 0**
**Benin 0**

*Nov 7 - Segou, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp A*
**Guinea-Bissau 1**
**Mauritania 0**

**AMILCAR CABRAL CUP: GP A - FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mali | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| Benin | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| Mauritania | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 0 |

*Nov 7 - Sikasso, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup, Gp B*
**Cape Verde Islands 1**
**Gambia 1**

**AMILCAR CABRAL CUP: GP B - FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Senegal U-23 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Gambia | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Cape Verde Is | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 |

## Thursday, November 8

*Nov 8 - Buenos Aires - WC qual*
**Argentina 2** (Samuel 46, Claudio Lopez 85)
**Peru 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 18,901. **Ref:** Larrionda (Uru)
**Argentina:** Burgos - Pochettino, Ayala, Samuel - Zanetti, Almeyda, Sorin - Veron - Ortega (Almar 74), Cruz (Claudio Lopez 46), Kily Gonzalez (Romeo 87).
**Peru:** Miranda - Jorge Soto, Salazar, Pajuelo, Hidalgo (Huaman 62) - Ciurlizza, Del Solar (Mendoza 59), Jayo, Palacios - Pizarro, Maestri. *Sent off: Pizarro 76min.*

*Nov 8 - Jeonju - friendly*
**South Korea 0**
**Senegal 1** (Diop 44)
**HT:** 0-1

*Nov 8 - San Cristobal - WC qual*
**Venezuela 3** (Moran 2, Noriega 22, H Gonzalez 40)
**Paraguay 1** (Arce pen 27)
**HT:** 3-1. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Elizondo (Arg)
**Venezuela:** Angelucci - H Gonzalez, Alvarado, R Mea Vitali, Rojas, L Vera, M Mea Vitali, Urdaneta, Paez (Martinez 72), Noriega (Rondon 61), Moran (G Perez 79).
**Paraguay:** Bobadilla - Arce, Gamarra, J D Caceres, Morel, Acuna, Struway (Alvarenga 46), Paredes, Morinigo (Quintana 46), Brizuela (Masi 72), Cardozo.

## Friday, November 9

*Nov 9 - Segou, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup semi-final*
**Mali 0**
**Gambia 1** (Sanko 69)
**HT:** 0-0

*Nov 9 - Sikasso, Mali - Amilcar Cabral Cup semi-final*
**Senegal U-23 2** (Diaba 38, Ndoye 45)
**Guinea-Bissau 0**
**HT:** 2-0

## Saturday, November 10

*Nov 10 - Brussels - WC qual play-off, 1st leg*
**Belgium 1** (Verheyen 30)
**Czech Republic 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Meier (Swi)
**Belgium:** De Vlieger - Deflandre, Clement, Van Meir (De Boeck 46), Van Kerckhoven, Simons, Vermant, Goor, Sonck (Van Houdt 80), Walem, Verheyen.
**Czech Republic:** Srnicek - Repka, Novotny, Nedved, Grygera (Ujfalusi 32), Jankulovski, Smicer (Hubschmann 45), Poborsky, Hasek, Jarosik, Baros (Lokvenc 67). *Sent off: Repka 41min.*

*Nov 10 - Copenhagen - friendly*
**Denmark 1** (Martin Jorgensen pen 83)
**Holland 1** (Hasselbaink pen 45)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 20,354. **Ref:** Dougal (Sco)
**Denmark:** Sorensen - Michaelsen, Henriksen, Lustu, Heintze, Poulsen, Gravesen (N Jensen 46), Rommedahl (C Jensen 46), Tomasson (Rytter 71), Martin Jorgensen, E Sand (Madsen 46).
**Holland:** Moens - Reiziger, Stam (Seedorf 63), F De Boer (Melchiot 46), Van Bronckhorst (Zenden 64), Boateng, R De Boer, Davids, Makaay (Van Nistelrooy 76), Kluivert (Landzaat 46), Hasselbaink.

*Nov 10 - Manchester - friendly*
**England 1** (Beckham pen 28)
**Sweden 1** (Mild 44)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 65,000. **Ref:** Colombo (Fra)
**England:** Martyn - Ferdinand, Carragher (P Neville 86), G Neville (Mills 58), Southgate, Beckham, Scholes (Lampard 86), Butt (Murphy 58), Sinclair (Fowler 58), Heskey (Sheringham 58), Phillips (Anderton 58).
**Sweden:** Hedman (Kihlstedt 46) - C Andersson, Michael Svensson, Mjaliby (Jakobsson 62), Edman, Linderoth (D Andersson 46), Alexandersson (Soderstrom 84), Mild, Magnus Svensson (A Svensson 46), Ibrahimovic (Osmanovski 75), Allback.

*Nov 10 - Athens - friendly*
**Greece 4** (Nikolaidis 6, 10, Tsartas 25, Machlas 40)
**Estonia 2** (Viikmae 44, Zelinski pen 80)
**HT:** 4-1. **Att:** 1,200. **Ref:** Olsen (Nor)
**Greece:** Nikopolidis (Chalkias 46) - Katsambis, Fissas, Dabizas, Vokolos, Lakis (Georgiadis 46), Zagorakis (Kafes 46), Kasapis (Konstantinidis 60), Machlas (Vryzas 46), Tsartas (Zikos 65), Nikolaidis (Limberopoulos 46).
**Estonia:** Poom - Allas, Lemsalu, Piiroja, Rooba (Viista 46), Reim, Viikmae, Novikov, Zelinski (Haavistu 78), Kristal, Oper (Saviauk 86).

*Nov 10 - Dublin - WC qual play-off, 1st leg*
**Rep Ireland 2** (Harte pen 44, Robbie Keane 50)
**Iran 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Pereira da Silva (Bra)
**Rep Ireland:** Given - Finnan, Breen, Staunton (Cunningham 75), Harte - McAteer (G Kelly 84), Holland, Roy Keane, Kilbane - Quinn, Robbie Keane.
**Iran:** Mirzapour - Golmohamadi, Peyravani, Rezaei - Karimi, Bagheri, Minavand, Mahdavikia, Kavianpour - Vahedinikbahkt (Khaziravi 46), Daei.

*Nov 10 - Ljubljana - WC qual play-off, 1st leg*
**Slovenia 2** (Acimovic 42, Osterc 70)
**Romania 1** (Niculae 26)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Milton Nielsen (Den)
**Slovenia:** Simeunovic - Milinovic, Galic, Vugdalic, Karic (N Ceh 40), Pavlin, A Ceh, Novak, Acimovic (Pavlovic 66), Osterc, Rudonja.
**Romania:** Stelea - Chivu, Iencsi, Popescu, Contra, Mutu, Munteanu, Miu (Pancu 90), Sabau (Rosu 84), Ilie (Ghioane 84), Niculae.

*Nov 10 - Johannesburg - friendly*
**South Africa 1** (Bartlett 53)
**Egypt 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Moeketsi (Les)
**South Africa:** Vonk - John, Carnell, A Mokoena, Issa - Tinkler, Fortune (Moshoeu 61), Zuma (T Mokoena 80), Buckley - Bartlett (August 73), B McCarthy (Nomvete 46).
**Egypt:** N El Sayed - Emara, H Said (Seeka 15), El Saqqa - A Hassan, T Said (Hamza 73), El Shattar (Fahim 83), Abdelaziz, Barakat (Shawki) - Sabry (Bassiouny 61), Hosny.

*Nov 10 - Seoul - friendly*
**South Korea 2** (Cho Sung-hwan 63, Kim Nam-il 65)
**Croatia 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 65,000. **Ref:** Salleh (Mly)
**South Korea:** Lee Woon-jae - Kim Tae-young (Chun Lee 53), Cho Sung-hwan, Choi Jin-cheul, Lee Min-sung - Choi Tae-uk, Kim Nam-il, Song Chong-gug, Lee Eul-young - Ahn Jung-hwan, Lee Chun-soo (Lee Dong-gook 89).
**Croatia:** Butina - Saric (Brajkovic 70), Hrman (Jarni 46), Tokic, Zivkovic, Simunic (Djolonga 46), Soldo, Agic, Mumlek (Karic 57), Vlaovic (Balaban 46), Rapajic (Petric 83).

*Nov 10 - Vienna - WC qual play-off, 1st leg*
**Austria 0**
**Turkey 1** (Okan 60)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 48,500. **Ref:** Mejuto Gonzalez (Spa)
**Austria:** Wohlfahrt - Flogel, Vukovic, Winklhofer, Baur, Schopp (Lexa 54), Strafner, Markus Hiden (Kitzbichler 72), Wallner (Weissenberger 61), Herzog, Haas.
**Turkey:** Rustu - Umit Davala, Abdullah, Umit Ozat, Alpay, Emre Asik, Okan (Tayfur 88), Tugay, Hakan Sukur, Basturk (Fatih Akyel 70), Ergun (Arif 62).

*Nov 10 - Kyiv - WC qual play-off, 1st leg*
**Ukraine 1** (Zubov 19)
**Germany 1** (Ballack 32)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 82,000. **Ref:** Braschi (Ita)
**Ukraine:** Levytskyi - Luzhnyi, Nesmachnyi, Holovko, Vaschuk, Husin, Shevchenko, Tymoshchuk (Parfyonov 72), Zubov, Vorobei (Melaschenko 76), Rebrov (Shyshchenko 55).
**Germany:** Kahn - Rehmer, Ziege, Linke, Nowotny, Ramelow, Schneider (Ricken 79), Ballack, Asamoah, Hamann, Zickler (Jancker 68).

## Sunday, November 11

*Nov 11 - Melbourne - friendly*
**Australia 1** (Moore 44)
**France 1** (Trezeguet 49)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 53,228
**Australia:** Schwarzer - Muscat, Moore, Okon, T Vidmar, Murphy, Lazaridis (Aloisi 59), Skoko (Bresciano 73), Emerton, Viduka, Kewell.
**France:** Barthez - Candela, Desailly (Silvestre 82), Leboeuf, Vieira, Zidane (Boghossian 79), Pires, Karembeu, Makelele (Carriere 66), Trezeguet (Anelka 66), Dugarry (Wiltord 57).

*Nov 11 - Kingston - WC qual*
**Jamaica 0**
**Costa Rica 1** (Sunsing 6)
**HT:** 0-1. **Ref:** Ramdhan (T&T)

*Nov 11 - Mexico City - WC qual*
**Mexico 3** (C Blanco 67, pen 79, Palencia 71)
**Honduras 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 110,000. **Ref:** Batres Gonzalez (Gtm)
**Mexico:** O Perez - Vidrio, Suarez, Brown - Saavedra, Torrado (Mercado 46), Johan Rodriguez, Garcia Aspe (R Morales 58), R Garcia - C Blanco (Zague 82), Palencia. *Sent off: Johan Rodriguez 72min.*
**Honduras:** Valladares - Clavasquin, S Caballero, R Morales - Reyes, Guerrero (Martinez 70) - Turcios (Leon 59), Jose Pineda, Guevara - C Pavon (D Suazo 62), Nunez. *Sent off: Guevara 72min.*

*Nov 11 - Port-of-Spain - WC qual*
**Trinidad & Tobago 0**
**United States 0**
**Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Pendergrast (Jam)
**Trinidad & Tobago:** Hislop - Saunders, M Andrews, Sancho (Belfon 71), Eve, Dwarika, Elcock (Daniel 75), S John, Mason, Rougier, N Pierre (McFarlane 82)
**United States:** Thornton - Cherundolo, Beasley (Jones 46), Agoos, Donovan (Wolff 65), Kirovski, Moore (Marsh 80), O'Brien, Pope, Stewart, Vanney.

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## UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

### 1st group phase

## Group A

**October 16**

**Anderlecht 0**
**Real Madrid 2** (Roberto Carlos 19, McManaman 35)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 21,922. **Ref:** Fisker (Den)
**Anderlecht:** De Wilde - Hasi, Traore, Crasson, Ilic - Iachtchouk (Thompson 79), Vanderhaeghe, Baseggio (El Said 46), Hendrikx - Mornar, Dindane.
**Real Madrid:** Cesar - Michel Salgado, Hierro (Ruben 60), Pavon, Roberto Carlos - Makelele, Celades, McManaman (Savio 70) - Figo, Raul, Guti (Morientes 77).

**Lokomotiv Moscow 0**
**Roma 1** (Cafu 78)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Jol (Hol)
**Lokomotiv:** Nigmatullin - Ignashevich, Chugainov, Cherevchenko - Obradovic, Mamimov, Loskov, Lekheto - Izmailov - Pimenov, Obiorah.
**Roma:** Antonioli - Zebina, Samuel, Zago - Cafu (Fuser 89), Tommasi (Assuncao 83), Emerson, Lima, Guigou - Batistuta, Totti.

**October 24**

**Anderlecht 1** (Ilic 2)
**Lokomotiv Moscow 5** (Izmailov 13, Sennikov 28, Pimenov 58, Buznikin 63, 69)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 25,502. **Ref:** McCurry (Sco)
**Anderlecht:** De Wilde - Crasson, De Boeck, Ilic, Hendrikx - Hasi, Vanderhaeghe, Iachtchouk (Karaca 51), El Said (De Bilde 46) - Dindane (Jestrovic 64), Mornar.
**Lokomotiv:** Nigmatullin - Ignashevich, Chugainov, Lekheto (Nizhegorodov 84) - Cherevchenko, Mamimov, Sennikov, Loskov - Izmailov - Pimenov (Drozdov 76), Obiorah (Buznikin 55).

**Real Madrid 1** (Figo pen 75)
**Roma 1** (Totti 35)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Krug (Ger)
**Real Madrid:** Cesar - Michel Salgado, Hierro (Ivan Helguera 46), Pavon, Roberto Carlos (Solari 46) - Figo, Celades, Makelele, Zidane - Raul, Morientes (Munitis 78).
**Roma:** Antonioli - Zebina, Samuel, Zago (Aldair 46) - Cafu, Tommasi (Assuncao 65), Emerson, Lima, Candela - Totti (Delvecchio 89), Batistuta.

**October 30**

**Lokomotiv Moscow 2** (Buznikin 30, Cherevchenko 50)
**Real Madrid 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Riley (Eng)
**Lokomotiv:** Nigmatullin - Sennikov, Ignashevich, Chugainov (Obradovic 24), Cherevchenko (Drozdov 78), Lekheto - Loskov, Maminov, Izmailov - Buznikin (Obiorah 75), Pimenov.
**Real Madrid:** Cesar - Minambres, Ivan Helguera, Pavon, Raul Bravo - Celades, Makelele (Ruben 72), McManaman (Valdo 61), Solari - Munitis, Morientes (Reina Aranda 61).

**Roma 1** (Delvecchio 52)
**Anderlecht 1** (Mornar 11)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 28,157. **Ref:** Poulat (Fra)
**Roma:** Pelizzoli - Siviglia, Samuel, Aldair - Cafu, Assuncao, Emerson, Tomic (De Rossi 71), Guigou - Cassano (Balbo 76), Delvecchio.
**Anderlecht:** De Wilde - Traore, De Boeck, Ilic - Crasson (Van Hout 46), Stoica, Vanderhaeghe, Baseggio, Hendrikx (Oyen 46) - Iachtchouk, Mornar (Jestrovic 78).

**GROUP A - FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Real Madrid | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 13 |
| Roma | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| Lokomotiv M | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 7 |
| Anderlecht | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 3 |

## Group B

**October 16**

**Borussia Dortmund 2** (Ricken 50, Koller 68)
**Boavista 1** (Goulart 33)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 42,000. **Ref:** Braschi (Ita)
**Dortmund:** Lehmann - Evanilson, Worns, Metzelder - Stevic, Reuter, Rosicky (Kohler 90), Dede - Sorensen (Oliseh 76), Koller, Ricken (Madouni 90).
**Boavista:** Ricardo - Rui Oscar, Paulo Turra, Pedro Emanuel, Erivan - Bosingwa (Petit 48), Frechaut, Goulart (Silva 70), Sanchez - Duda, Marcio (Martelinho 59).

**Kyiv Dynamo 1** (Ghioane 59)
**Liverpool 2** (Murphy 43, Gerrard 67)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Colombo (Fra)

**GROUP F – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barcelona | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 15 |
| B Leverkusen | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 12 |
| Lyon | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Fenerbahce | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 0 |

### Group G

**October 17**

**Manchester United 2** (Van Nistelrooy 7, 40)
**Deportivo La Coruna 3** (Sergio 37, Diego Tristan 39, 60)
**HT:** 2-2. **Att:** 65,585. **Ref:** Fandel (Ger)
**Man Utd:** Barthez - G Neville, Blanc, Johnsen (Brown 7), Irwin (Solskjaer 85) - Keane, Veron - Beckham, Scholes (Cole 63), Giggs - Van Nistelrooy.
**Deportivo:** Molina (Nuno 46) - Hector, Donato, Naybet, Romero (Capdevila 79) - Sergio, Duscher - Victor, Valeron, Amavisca - Diego Tristan (Pandiani 82).

**Olympiakos 2** (Alexandris 53, Niniadis 64)
**Lille 1** (Bassir 38)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Trentalange (Ita)
**Olympiakos:** Eleftheropoulos - Mavrogenidis, Bermudez (Amanatidis 46), Anatolakis (Niniadis 63), Venetidis - Patsatzoglou, Karembeu, Zetterberg (Giovanni 46), Djordjevic - Alexandris, Ofori-Quaye. *Sent off: Giovanni 86min.*
**Lille:** Wimbee - Delpierre, Fahmi, Cygan, Ecker - Landrin, D'Amico, Benoit Cheyrou - Olufade (Pichot 60), Murati (Beck 84) - Bakari (Bassir 5).

**October 23**

**Deportivo La Coruna 1** (Diego Tristan pen 14)
**Lille 1** (Bruno Cheyrou pen 20)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Michel (Slk)
**Deportivo:** Nuno - Hector, Donato, Helder, Capdevila - Emerson (Sergio 61), Duscher - Victor, Valeron (Djalminha 70), Amavisca - Diego Tristan (Pandiani 77).
**Lille:** Wimbee - Delpierre, Fahmi, Ecker, Pichot - Sterjovski (Collot 88), Landrin, D'Amico, N'Diaye (Benoit Cheyrou 81), Bruno Cheyrou - Bassir (Beck 90).

**Manchester United 3** (Solskjaer 79, Giggs 88, Van Nistelrooy 90)
**Olympiakos 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 66,769. **Ref:** Melo Pereira (Por)
**Man Utd:** Barthez - G Neville, Blanc, Brown, Irwin - Butt (Solskjaer 73) - Beckham, Veron, Giggs - Scholes - Van Nistelrooy.
**Olympiakos:** Eleftheropoulos - Mavrogenidis (Poursanidis 46), Amanatidis, Anatolakis, Kontis - Giannakopoulos (Roberts 83), Patsatzoglou, Karembeu, Djordjevic - Ofori-Quaye, Alexandris (Alvez 63).

**October 31**

**Lille 1** (Bruno Cheyrou 65)
**Manchester United 1** (Solskjaer 6)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 37,400. **Ref:** Meier (Swi)
**Lille:** Wimbee - Pichot, Fahmi, Cygan, Ecker - Boutoille (Beck 59), N'Diaye (Landrin 86), D'Amico, Bruno Cheyrou - Sterjovski, Bassir (Murati 78).
**Man Utd:** Carroll - P Neville, May (O'Shea 69), Silvestre, Irwin - Butt - Solskjaer, Beckham, Scholes, Fortune - Cole (Yorke 76).

**Olympiakos 1** (Alexandris 51)
**Deportivo La Coruna 1** (Capdevila 84)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Merk (Ger)
**Olympiakos:** Georgiou - Mavrogenidis (Niniadis 46), Anatolakis, Amanatidis (Kostoulas 21), Kontis - Giannakopoulos, Karembeu, Patsatzoglou, Djordjevic - Ofori-Quaye (Poursanidis 66), Alexandris.
**Deportivo:** Nuno - Hector (Amavisca 53), Cesar (Donato 40), Helder, Capdevila - Mauro Silva (Pandiani 63), Djalminha, Emerson - Scaloni, Makaay, Jose Manuel.

**GROUP G – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dep La Coruna | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 10 |
| Man Utd | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 10 |
| Lille | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Olympiakos | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 5 |

*Deportivo finished top on better head-to-head record*

### Group H

**October 17**

**Bayern Munich 5** (Pizarro 7, 22, Elber 33, 52, Zickler 90)
**Moscow Spartak 1** (Beschastnykh 58)
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** De Bleeckere (Blg)
**Bayern:** Kahn - Sagnol, Kuffour, R Kovac (Linke 85), Lizarazu - Salihamidzic, Hargreaves, Fink, Paulo Sergio (Zickler 78) - Elber (Santa Cruz 65), Pizarro.
**Spartak:** Levytskyi - Tchuisse, Mitrevski, Kovtun - Baranov, Bulatov, Parfyonov, Tsykhmeistruk - Titov - Robson, Beschastnykh.

**Feyenoord 0**
**Sparta Prague 2** (Jarosik 43, Novotny 78)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 37,500. **Ref:** Dauden Ibanez (Spa)
**Feyenoord:** Timmer - Collen (Leonardo Silva 62), Van Wonderen, De Haan, Rzasa - Emerton, Bosvelt, Paauwe, Leonardo Santiago (Kalou 46) - Van Hooijdonk, Ono. *Sent off: Van Hooijdonk 67min, De Haan 74min.*
**Sparta:** Cech - Grygera, Novotny, Hubschmann, Labant - Sionko, Jarosik, Hasek, Michalik (Zelenka 89) - Kincl, Hartig.

**October 23**

**Bayern Munich 3** (Van Gobbel og 12, Santa Cruz 30, 90)
**Feyenoord 1** (Elmander 25)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Cortez Batista (Por)
**Bayern:** Kahn - Sagnol, Kuffour, R Kovac, Lizarazu (Tarnat 46) - Salihamidzic, Hargreaves, Fink (Thiam 83), Paulo Sergio (Zickler 69) - Santa Cruz, Pizarro.
**Feyenoord:** Zoetebier - Collen, Van Wonderen, Van Gobbel (Gyan 46), Rzasa - Emerton, Bosvelt, Van Gastel (Smolarek 80), Paauwe, Ono - Elmander.

**Moscow Spartak 2** (Robson 4, Beschastnykh 34)
**Sparta Prague 2** (Holub 29, Babnic 90)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Barber (Eng)
**Spartak:** Levytskyi - Ananko, Parfyonov, Kovtun, Kebe - Baranov, Bulatov, Titov, Tsykhmeistruk (Mitrevski 46) - Beschastnykh, Robson.
**Sparta:** Cech - Grygera, Hubschmann, Novotny, Labant - Sionko (Sloncik 83), Jarosik, Hasek, Michalik (Babnic 73) - Kincl, Holub (Zelenka 57).

**October 31**

**Feyenoord 2** (Tomasson 5, Elmander 18)
**Moscow Spartak 1** (Beschastnykh 14)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Cesari (Ita)
**Feyenoord:** Zoetebier - Collen (Van Gastel 64), Gyan, De Haan, Rzasa - Emerton, Bosvelt, Paauwe, Ono - Tomasson, Elmander (Smolarek 88).
**Spartak:** Levitskyi - Mzhavanadze (Pavlenko 83), Mitrevski, Parfyonov, Kovtun - Baranov, Bulatov, Titov, Tsykhmeistruk - Beschastnykh, Robson (Danishevski 75).

**Sparta Prague 0**
**Bayern Munich 1** (Novotny og 40)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 19,369. **Ref:** Hamer (Lux)
**Sparta:** Cech - Grygera, Hubschmann, Novotny, Labant - Hasek (Sloncik 70) - Sionko, Jarosik, Michalik (Holub 80) - Babnic (Zelenka 53), Kincl.
**Bayern:** Wessels - Kuffour, Linke, R Kovac, Tarnat - Feulner, Thiam, Sforza, Hargreaves (Paulo Sergio 46) - Pizarro (Santa Cruz 72), Zickler (Fink 84).

**GROUP H – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bayern Munich | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 5 | 14 |
| Sparta Prague | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 11 |
| Feyenoord | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 5 |
| Moscow Spartak | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 2 |

*Top two from each group qualify for second group phase; third-placed sides enter the UEFA Cup at the third round stage*

## 2nd group phase – schedule

### Group A

**Nov 20:** Bayern Munich v Manchester United; Boavista v Nantes.
**Dec 5:** Manchester United v Boavista; Nantes v Bayern Munich.
**Feb 20:** Boavista v Bayern Munich; Nantes v Manchester United.
**Feb 26:** Bayern Munich v Boavista; Manchester United v Nantes.
**Mar 13:** Manchester United v Bayern Munich; Nantes v Boavista.
**Mar 19:** Bayern Munich v Nantes; Boavista v Manchester United.

### Group B

**Nov 20:** Galatasaray v Roma; Liverpool v Barcelona.
**Dec 5:** Barcelona v Galatasaray; Roma v Liverpool.
**Feb 20:** Barcelona v Roma; Liverpool v Galatasaray.
**Feb 26:** Galatasaray v Liverpool; Roma v Barcelona.
**Mar 13:** Barcelona v Liverpool; Roma v Galatasaray.
**Mar 19:** Galatasaray v Barcelona; Liverpool v Roma.

### Group C

**Nov 21:** Panathinaikos v FC Porto; Sparta Prague v Real Madrid.
**Dec 4:** FC Porto v Sparta Prague; Real Madrid v Panathinaikos.
**Feb 19:** Real Madrid v FC Porto; Sparta Prague v Panathinaikos.
**Feb 27:** Panathinaikos v Sparta Prague; FC Porto v Real Madrid.
**Mar 12:** FC Porto v Panathinaikos; Real Madrid v Sparta Prague.
**Mar 20:** Panathinaikos v Real Madrid; Sparta Prague v FC Porto.

### Group D

**Nov 21:** Deportivo La Coruna v Arsenal; Juventus v Bayer Leverkusen.
**Dec 4:** Arsenal v Juventus; Bayer Leverkusen v Deportivo La Coruna.
**Feb 19:** Bayer Leverkusen v Arsenal; Juventus v Deportivo La Coruna.
**Feb 27:** Arsenal v Bayer Leverkusen; Deportivo La Coruna v Juventus.
**Mar 12:** Arsenal v Deportivo La Coruna; Bayer Leverkusen v Juventus.
**Mar 20:** Deportivo La Coruna v Bayer Leverkusen; Juventus v Arsenal.

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## 2nd rnd, 1st legs

**October 16**

**Roda JC (Hol) 4** (Soetaers 4, 35, Berglund 54, Sonkaya 82)
**Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 1** (Horvath 78)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Baskakov (Rus)

**Viking (Nor) 0**
**Hertha (Ger) 1** (Preetz 5)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 3,750. **Ref:** Liba (Cze)

**October 18**

**Bordeaux (Fra) 2** (Pauleta pen 5, Christian 32)
**Standard Liege (Blg) 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 13,154. **Ref:** Busacca (Swi)

**Celta Vigo (Spa) 3** (Mostovoi 34, 75, 89)
**Slovan Liberec (Cze) 1** (Caceres og 65)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Trivkovic (Cro)

**FC Copenhagen (Den) 0**
**Ajax (Hol) 0**
**Att:** 20,067. **Ref:** Ceferin (Sln)

**CSKA Kyiv (Ukr) 0**
**Club Brugge (Blg) 2** (Verheyen 32, 47)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 2,750. **Ref:** Vuorela (Fin)

**Fiorentina (Ita) 2** (Morfeo 46, Nuno Gomes 85)
**FC Tirol (Aut) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 10,418. **Ref:** Ingvarsson (Swe)

**Freiburg (Ger) 0**
**St Gallen (Swi) 1** (Mokoena 90)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 18,500. **Ref:** Hrinak (Slk)

**Grasshopper (Swi) 4** (Nunez 29, 33, 90, Petric 56)
**Twente (Hol) 1** (Polak 70)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 5,500. **Ref:** Kasnaferis (Gre)

**Halmstads (Swe) 0**
**Sporting Lisbon (Por) 1** (Niculae 54)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 3,141. **Ref:** Garibian (Fra)
*Sent off: Karlsson (Halmstads) 45min*

**Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr) 2** (Gershon pen 89, Clescenco 90)
**Chelsea (Eng) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 11,500. **Ref:** Van Egmond (Hol)
*Sent off: Melchiot (Chelsea) 54min*

**Internazionale (Ita) 2** (Kallon 61, 64)
**Wisla Krakow (Pol) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 4,934. **Ref:** Irvine (NI)

**Ipswich Town (Eng) 0**
**Helsingborgs (Swe) 0**
**Att:** 22,254. **Ref:** Sowa (Aut)

**Leeds United (Eng) 4** (Viduka 6, 44, Bowyer 23, 46)
**Troyes (Fra) 2** (Loko 31, 81)
**HT:** 3-1. **Att:** 40,015. **Ref:** Carmona Mendez (Spa)
*Sent off: Meniri (Troyes) 49min*

**Legia Warsaw (Pol) 1** (Karwan 11)
**Valencia (Spa) 1** (Ilie pen 61)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Brugger (Aut)

**Milan (Ita) 2** (Rui Costa 20, Shevchenko 51)
**CSKA Sofia (Bul) 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 6,759. **Ref:** Larsen (Den)

**Osijek (Cro) 1** (Mijatovic 72)
**AEK Athens (Gre) 2** (Zagorakis 13, Nikolaidis 71)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Romain (Blg)
*Sent off: Pavlicic (Osijek) 87min*

**PAOK Salonika (Gre) 6** (Yasemakis 22, 27, Okkas 34, 88, Konstantinidis 50, Luciano 75)
**Marila Pribram (Cze) 1** (Siegl 56)
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Esquinas Torres (Spa)

**Paris Saint-Germain (Fra) 4** (Ronaldinho 16, 59, Mendy 28, Anelka 55)
**Rapid Wien (Aut) 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 27,155. **Ref:** Treossi (Ita)

**Rangers (Sco) 3** (Amoruso 9, Ball 61, De Boer 80)
**Dinamo Moscow (Rus) 1** (Gusev 90)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 45,008. **Ref:** Bre (Fra)

**Union Berlin (Ger) 0**
**Litex Lovech (Bul) 2** (Bornosuzov 49, Petrov 90)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 11,255. **Ref:** Sundell (Swe)

**Utrecht (Hol) 1** (Jochemsen 77)
**Parma (Ita) 3** (Di Vaio 21, 69, Bonazzoli 54)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Corpodean (Rom)

**Varteks (Cro) 3** (Bjelanovic 64, Mumlek 78, Karic pen 84)
**Brondby (Den) 1** (Niznik 80)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Koren (Isr)

**Zaragoza (Spa) 0**
**Servette (Swi) 0**
**Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Frohlich (Ger)

## 2nd rnd, 2nd legs

**October 30**

**AEK Athens 3** (Lakis 31, Tsartas 38, Konstantinidis 79)
**Osijek 2** (Feruzem og 15, Mitu 43)
**HT:** 2-2. **Att:** 12,300. **Ref:** Dobrinov (Bul)
*AEK 5-3 on agg*

**Litex Lovech 0**
**Union Berlin 0**
**Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Jakobsson (Ice)
*Sent off: Bachev (Lovech) 61min*
*Lovech 2-0 on agg*

**Wisla Krakow 1** (Zurawski 4)
**Internazionale 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Da Silva (Por)
*Inter 2-1 on agg*

**November 1**

**Ajax 0**
**FC Copenhagen 1** (Jensen 83)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 31,500. **Ref:** Granat (Pol)
*Copenhagen 1-0 on agg*

**Dynamo:** Reva - Bodnar (Husin 55), Holovko, Vaschuk, Nesmachnyi - Khatskevich, Gavrancich, Ghioane - Chernat, Melaschenko (Idakhor 79), Bialkevich.
**Liverpool:** Dudek - Carragher, Henchoz, Hyypia, Riise - Gerrard, Murphy, McAllister, Smicer (Redknapp 79), Barmby (Berger 61) - Heskey.

**October 24**

**Boavista 1** (Silva 60)
**Liverpool 1** (Murphy 17)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Nilsson (Swe)
**Boavista:** Ricardo - Rui Oscar (Martelinho 26), Pedro Emanuel, Paulo Turra, Erivan - Frechaut, Petit, Sanchez - Duda (Bosingwa 57), Silva, Goulart (Marcio 57).
**Liverpool:** Dudek - Carragher, Henchoz, Hyypia (Wright 6), Riise - Smicer, Hamann, McAllister (Berger 76), Murphy - Heskey, Fowler.

**Borussia Dortmund 1** (Rosicky 34)
**Kyiv Dynamo 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 41,500. **Ref:** Vassaras (Gre)
**Dortmund:** Lehmann - Evanilson, Worns, Metzelder, Dede - Reuter, Oliseh - Sorensen (Bugri 84), Rosicky, Ricken (Madouni 90) - Koller.
**Dynamo:** Reva - Ghioane, Fedorov, Vaschuk, Nesmachnyi - Gavrancich (Bodnar 62), Husin, Khatskevich - Bialkevich, Idakhor (Chernat 54), Melaschenko.

**October 30**

**Kyiv Dynamo 1** (Melaschenko 48)
**Boavista 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Stuchlik (Aut)
**Dynamo:** Reva - Ghioane, Vaschuk, Fedorov (Gavrancich 59), Nesmachnyi - Khatskevich, Shatskikh (Serebrennikov 90), Husin, Bialkevich - Melaschenko, Peev (Chernat 77).
**Boavista:** Ricardo - Frechaut, Mario Loja, Pedro Emanuel (Serginho 80), Erivan - Bosingwa, Petit, Sanchez - Duda, Silva (Marcio 54), Goulart (Martelinho 54).

**Liverpool 2** (Smicer 15, Wright 82)
**Borussia Dortmund 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 41,507. **Ref:** Milton Nielsen (Den)
**Liverpool:** Dudek - Wright, Henchoz, Carragher, Riise - Hamann - Gerrard (Redknapp 85), Murphy, Smicer (Berger 65) - Owen (Fowler 76), Heskey.
**Dortmund:** Lehmann - Worns, Reuter, Metzelder - Evanilson, Oliseh (Bobic 68), Dede - Rosicky - Sorensen, Koller, Ricken.

**GROUP B – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liverpool | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 12 |
| Boavista | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 8 |
| B Dortmund | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Kyiv Dynamo | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 4 |

*Boavista qualified on better head-to-head record*

## Group C

**October 16**

**Arsenal 2** (Henry 23, pen 52)
**Panathinaikos 1** (Olisadebe 50)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 35,432. **Ref:** Meier (Swi)
**Arsenal:** Wright - Lauren, Campbell, Upson, Cole - Ljungberg, Vieira, Van Bronckhorst, Pires (Parlour 71) - Wiltord (Bergkamp 71), Henry (Grimandi 90).
**Panathinaikos:** Nikopolidis - Vokolos, Henriksen, Kyrgiakos, Fissas - Paulo Sousa (Seitaridis 78), Basinas - Michaelsen, Karagounis (Kolkka 78) - Olisadebe, Constantinou (Vlaovic 78).

**Mallorca 0**
**Schalke 4** (Van Hoogdalem 15, Hajto pen 22, Asamoah 77, Sand 84)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Wegereef (Hol)
**Mallorca:** Roa - Olaizola, Nino, Nadal (Fatih 26), Miquel Soler - Campano (Novo 76), Marcos, Paunovic, Cristian Diaz (Carlos 56) - Eto'o, Luque. *Sent off: Eto'o 26min.*
**Schalke:** Reck - Hajto, Waldoch, Matellan, Van Kerckhoven - Van Hoogdalem (Kmetsch 78), Thon (Nemec 80) - Asamoah, Wilmots (Buskens 74), Vermant - Sand.

**October 24**

**Arsenal 3** (Pires 61, Bergkamp 63, Henry 90)
**Mallorca 1** (Novo 74)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 34,764. **Ref:** Jol (Hol)
**Arsenal:** Wright - Lauren, Keown, Campbell, Van Bronckhorst - Ljungberg (Kanu 79), Grimandi (Parlour 84), Vieira, Pires - Bergkamp (Wiltord 72), Henry.
**Mallorca:** Leo Franco - Fatih (Biagini 65), Olaizola, Nadal, Miquel Soler - Campano, Cristian Diaz, Marcos (Robles 72), Novo - Paunovic - Luque (Carlos 81).

**Panathinaikos 2** (Olisadebe 31, Constantinou 60)
**Schalke 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 16,250. **Ref:** Sars (Fra)
**Panathinaikos:** Nikopolidis - Seitaridis (Saric 69), Henriksen, Vokolos, Fissas - Michaelsen, Paulo Sousa, Basinas (Goumas 64) - Karagounis - Constantinou (Vlaovic 73), Olisadebe.
**Schalke:** Reck - Hajto, Waldoch, Matellan (Bohme 50), Van Kerckhoven - Asamoah, Kmetsch, Moller, Vermant (Thon 79) - Wilmots (Mulder 67) - Sand.

**October 30**

**Mallorca 1** (Biagini 57)
**Panathinaikos 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 11,700. **Ref:** Nielsen (Swe)
**Mallorca:** Miki - Olaizola, Nino, Nadal, Miquel Soler - Campano, Marcos, Paunovic (Robles 70), Novo (Paco Soler 63) - Biagini (Luque 78), Eto'o.
**Panathinaikos:** Nikopolidis - Goumas, Vokolos, Kyrgiakos - Saric, Boateng, Karagounis (Constantinou 82), Fissas - Limberopoulos, Vlaovic (Warzycha 82), Kolkka (Galetto 75).

**Schalke 3** (Mulder 2, Vermant 60, Moller 64)
**Arsenal 1** (Wiltord 71)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 53,500. **Ref:** Wojcik (Pol)
**Schalke:** Reck - Hajto, Waldoch, Matellan - Vermant (Djordjevic 74), Van Hoogdalem (Kmetsch 63), Moller, Nemec (Thon 67), Bohme - Mulder, Sand.
**Arsenal:** Wright - Luzhnyi, Campbell (Keown 68), Upson (Stepanovs 66), Cole - Parlour, Grimandi, Edu, Pires - Kanu (Pennant 78), Wiltord. *Sent off: Luzhnyi 17min.*

**GROUP C – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Panathinaikos | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 12 |
| Arsenal | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Mallorca | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 9 |
| Schalke | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 6 |

*Arsenal qualified on better head-to-head record*

## Group D

**October 16**

**Galatasaray 0**
**Nantes 0**
**Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Krug (Ger)
**Galatasaray:** Mondragon - Perez, Emre Asik, Vedat, Hakan Unsal - Bulent Akin (Suat 65), Ergun, Hasan Sas - Sergen, Serkan (Umit Karan 59), Arif (Fleurquin 74).
**Nantes:** Landreau - Deroff, Delhommeau, Fabbri, Armand - Berson - Ahamada (Da Rocha 65), Djemba, Ziani, Quint - Andre (Vahirua 70).

**Lazio 2** (Fiore 39, Claudio Lopez pen 55)
**PSV Eindhoven 1** (Kezman 56)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 18,417. **Ref:** Lopez Nieto (Spa)
**Lazio:** Peruzzi - Stam, Fernando Couto, Favalli - Poborsky (Negro 74), Giannichedda, Mendieta, Pancaro - Fiore (Baggio 82) - Claudio Lopez, Inzaghi (Crespo 61).
**PSV:** Lodewijks - Faber, Nikiforov (Vennegoor of Hesselink 66), Hofland - Ooijer, De Jong (Lucius 46), Vogel, Heintze (Bruggink 84) - Rommedahl, Bouma - Kezman.

**October 24**

**Lazio 1** (Stankovic 76)
**Galatasaray 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 20,363. **Ref:** Levnikov (Rus)
**Lazio:** Peruzzi - Stam (Pancaro 46), Nesta, Favalli - Negro, Giannichedda, Mendieta, Cesar - Fiore (Stankovic 62) - Claudio Lopez (Inzaghi 71), Crespo.
**Galatasaray:** Mondragon - Perez, Emre Asik, Vedat (Suat 16), Victoria (Serkan 81) - Fleurquin, Bulent Akin, Ergun, Hasan Sas - Sergen - Umit Karan (Arif 64).

**PSV Eindhoven 0**
**Nantes 0**
**Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Stark (Ger)
**PSV:** Lodewijks - Ooijer, Faber, Hofland, Heintze - Rommedahl (Bruggink 62), Lucius, Vogel (De Jong 80), Bouma (Gakhokidze 84) - Vennegoor of Hesselink, Kezman.
**Nantes:** Landreau - Laspalles, Gillet, Fabbri, Armand - Djemba, Berson (Savinaud 46) - Da Rocha, Ziani, Quint (Deroff 82) - Andre (Olembe 82).

**October 30**

**Galatasaray 2** (Sergen 26, Arif 50)
**PSV Eindhoven 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Michel (Slk)
**Galatasaray:** Mondragon - Perez, Emre Asik, Fleurquin, Victoria - Bulent Akin, Ergun, Hasan Sas - Sergen (Ayhan 73) - Arif (Suat 81), Umit Karan (Serkan 70).
**PSV:** Lodewijks - Ooijer, Faber, Hofland, Heintze - Rommedahl, Vogel, Lucius (Vennegoor of Hesselink 60), Bouma (Gakhokidze 71) - De Jong (Bogelund 82), Kezman.

**Nantes 1** (Andre 72)
**Lazio 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Hauge (Nor)
**Nantes:** Landreau - Laspalles, Delhommeau, Fabbri, Gillet, Armand - Djemba, Ziani, Olembe - Andre (Deroff 87), Ahamada (Da Rocha 66).
**Lazio:** Peruzzi - Negro, Stam, Nesta, Favalli, Cesar - Mendieta (Kovacevic 68), Giannichedda, Fiore (Stankovic 83) - Crespo, Claudio Lopez (Inzaghi 46).

**GROUP D – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nantes | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| Galatasaray | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 10 |
| PSV | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 |
| Lazio | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 |

## Group E

**October 17**

**Juventus 1** (Trezeguet 25)
**Rosenborg 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 38,000. **Ref:** Poll (Eng)
**Juventus:** Buffon - Tudor, Thuram, Montero, Pessotto - Zambrotta, Maresca (Iuliano 62), Davids, Nedved (Paramatti 85) - Trezeguet, Del Piero (Salas 90).
**Rosenborg:** Arason - B I Johnsen, Basma, Hoftun, Saarinen - Strand, El Fakiri (Enerly 46), Skammelsrud, Berg - Brattbakk (George 59), Rushfeldt (F Johnsen 75).

**FC Porto 3** (Clayton 1, 61, Mario Silva 45)
**Celtic 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 30,303. **Ref:** Temmink (Hol)
**Porto:** Ovchinnikov - Ibarra, Ricardo Carvalho, Jorge Andrade, Mario Silva - Costinha (Soderstrom 81), Paredes, Capucho (Paulo Costa 86), Clayton (Rubens Junior 75) - Deco, Pena.
**Celtic:** Douglas - Balde, Mjallby, Valgaeren - Agathe, Lambert, Lennon, Petrov (Sylla 67), Thompson (Moravcik 56) - Larsson, Hartson (Maloney 88).

**October 23**

**Juventus 3** (Del Piero 32, Montero 47, Trezeguet 73)
**FC Porto 1** (Clayton 13)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 38,528. **Ref:** Frisk (Swe)
**Juventus:** Buffon - Tudor, Thuram, Montero, Paramatti - Zambrotta (Zenoni 72), Tacchinardi, Davids (Birindelli 88), Nedved - Del Piero (Maresca 76), Trezeguet.
**Porto:** Ovchinnikov - Ibarra (Rubens Junior 75), Jorge Andrade, Ricardo Carvalho, Mario Silva - Costinha, Soderstrom - Capucho, Deco (Rafael 67), Clayton (Helder Postiga 61) - Pena.

**Rosenborg 2** (Brattbakk 19, 36)
**Celtic 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 21,540. **Ref:** Fernandez Marin (Spa)
**Rosenborg:** Arason - Olsen, Hoftun, Basma, Saarinen - Berg (Winsnes 74), Skammelsrud, Strand - George (F Johnsen 83), Rushfeldt, Brattbakk.
**Celtic:** Douglas - Balde, Mjallby, Valgaeren - Agathe, Lambert, Lennon, Petrov (Moravcik 68), Thompson (Hartson 79) - Larsson, Sutton.

**October 31**

**Celtic 4** (Valgaeren 24 , Sutton 45, 64, Larsson pen 57)
**Juventus 3** (Del Piero 19, Trezeguet 51, 77)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 57,717. **Ref:** Veissiere (Fra)
**Celtic:** Douglas - Balde, Mjallby, Valgaeren - Agathe, Lambert, Lennon, Moravcik (Petrov 65), Petta - Larsson, Sutton.
**Juventus:** Carini - Birindelli, Ferrara, Iuliano - Zenoni, Tacchinardi, Maresca (Frara 81), Paramatti - Del Piero (Trezeguet 46), Nedved - Amoruso (Pessotto 67).

**FC Porto 1** (Pena 37)
**Rosenborg 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 31,429. **Ref:** Strampe (Ger)
**Porto:** Paulo Santos - Ibarra, Ricardo Carvalho, Jorge Andrade, Mario Silva - Costinha (Rubens Junior 78), Deco, Paredes - Capucho (Esnaider 68), Pena, Clayton (Soderstrom 68).
**Rosenborg:** Arason - B I Johnsen, Basma, Hoftun (Enerly 46), Stensaas - Strand, Skammelsrud, Berg (Winsnes 88) - Olsen, F Johnsen, Brattbakk (George 65).

**GROUP E – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Juventus | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 8 | 11 |
| FC Porto | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 10 |
| Celtic | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 9 |
| Rosenborg | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 |

## Group F

**October 17**

**Barcelona 2** (Kluivert 12, Luis Enrique 38)
**Bayer Leverkusen 1** (Ramelow 32)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 75,000. **Ref:** Collina (Ita)
**Barcelona:** Bonano - Puyol, Christanval, De Boer, Coco - Luis Enrique, Xavi (Gerard 48), Cocu - Saviola (Geovanni 79), Kluivert, Rivaldo (Gabri 74).
**Leverkusen:** Butt - Lucio, Nowotny (Zivkovic 46), Placente - Ramelow (Sebescen 76) - Neuville, Schneider, Basturk, Ballack, Ze Roberto - Kirsten (Brdaric 76).

**Lyon 3** (Govou 45, Carriere 53, Delmotte 68)
**Fenerbahce 1** (Oktay 35)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 37,773. **Ref:** Plautz (Aut)
**Lyon:** Coupet - Chanelet, Muller, Edmilson, Delmotte - Juninho (Brechet 67), Violeau, Foe, Carriere - Luyindula (Nee 79), Govou (Linares 86).
**Fenerbahce:** Rustu - Mert, Umit Ozat, Dogan (Deniz 24) - Ali Akdeniz, Lazetic (Ali Gunes 71), Ogun, Yusuf, Abdullah - Oktay, Revivo (Rapajic 73).

**October 23**

**Fenerbahce 1** (Oktay 40)
**Bayer Leverkusen 2** (Schneider 23, Kirsten 34)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Hauge (Nor)
**Fenerbahce:** Rustu - Dogan, Mert, Deniz - Ali Gunes, Lazetic (Hakan 65), Johnson, Ali Akdeniz (Rapajic 77) - Yusuf (Ogun 52) - Oktay, Revivo.
**Leverkusen:** Butt - Sebescen, Nowotny, Zivkovic - Schneider, Ramelow, Ballack - Basturk (Vranjes 90), Ze Roberto - Kirsten (Brdaric 68), Neuville (Ojigwe 83).

**Lyon 2** (Luyindula 66, Carriere 88)
**Barcelona 3** (Kluivert 8, Rivaldo 18, Gerard 90)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 38,000. **Ref:** Poll (Eng)
**Lyon:** Coupet - Chanelet (Delmotte 53), Edmilson (Cacapa 26), Muller, Brechet (Laigle 78) - Violeau, Foe - Juninho, Carriere - Govou, Luyindula.
**Barcelona:** Bonano - Puyol, Christanval, De Boer, Coco (Reiziger 58) - Xavi, Cocu, Gabri - Luis Enrique (Gerard 73), Kluivert, Rivaldo (Geovanni 87).

**October 31**

**Barcelona 1** (Rivaldo 90)
**Fenerbahce 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 44,100. **Ref:** Dougal (Sco)
**Barcelona:** Reina - Puyol, Gabri, De Boer, Reiziger - Gerard, Xavi, Rivaldo - Saviola (Dani 74), Overmars (Alfonso 81), Geovanni (Rochemback 59).
**Fenerbahce:** Rustu - Dogan, Mert, Umit Ozat, Abdullah (Hakan 77) - Ali Akdeniz, Johnson, Rapajic (Yusuf 79), Ali Gunes (Ceyhun 89) - Serhat, Lazetic.

**Bayer Leverkusen 2** (Sebescen 45, Berbatov 52)
**Lyon 4** (Carriere 32, 38, Nee 64, Govou 81)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 22,500 **Ref:** Ivanov (Rus)
**Leverkusen:** Butt - Lucio, Zivkovic - Sebescen, Ojigwe (Basturk 46), Vranjes, Placente - Schneider, Ze Roberto - Berbatov (Daun 72), Brdaric.
**Lyon:** Coupet - Deflandre, Chanelet, Muller, Laville, Delmotte - Juninho (Govou 68), Linares, Laigle - Nee, Carriere (Violeau 77).

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

# Lazio crash out

*Gavin Hamilton reviews the first group phase*

**LAZIO** were the biggest casualties of the Champions League first group phase. They finished bottom of Group D and thereby not only exited that competition but also missed out on qualification for the UEFA Cup, guaranteed to third-place finishers.

Lazio were beaten 1-0 in their final game by **Nantes**, who finished top of the group despite their atrocious form in the French League, where they won only one of their first 12 matches.

Nantes were one of a number of surprise qualifiers for the second phase, in which nine different countries will be represented – including the Czech Republic, Turkey, Greece and Portugal. So much for the dominance of the big leagues.

In Group A, **Real Madrid** and **Roma** came through as expected. While Real – the favourites to reach the Final in Glasgow next May – have struggled in the Spanish League, they have immediately found their rhythm in Europe. Their 2-1 victory over Roma in the Olympic stadium in their opening group game set the tone for the rest of their matches. Only in the final game, when fielding a weakened team away to Lokomotiv Moscow, did they falter, losing 2-0. But by then they had qualified as group winners.

In Group B, **Liverpool** continued where they left off in last season's UEFA Cup, maintaining a tight defence and finishing the group unbeaten.

After a sluggish opener, when they were held 1-1 at home by Boavista, they grew in confidence, and were not unduly affected by the sudden illness of their manager, Gerard Houllier.

**Boavista** were the surprise team of the group, qualifying for the second stage ahead of Borussia Dortmund and Kyiv Dynamo. Brazilian striker Elpidio Silva was the star of the Portuguese challenge, scoring four goals.

There was another surprise winner in Group C, where **Panathinaikos** topped the group, largely thanks to the goals of Cypriot striker Michalis Constantinou and his Nigeria-born Polish international partner, Emmanuel Olisadebe.

**Arsenal** scraped through behind the Greeks, ahead of Mallorca on head-to-head record. Thierry Henry again proved to be the Gunners' saviour, weighing in with four goals, but Arsene Wenger's side looked far from accomplished in defence, conceding nine goals in their six games.

**Galatasaray** qualified for the second stage behind Nantes in Group D, their defeat of PSV in their final group game condemning the Dutch to the UEFA Cup.

In Group E, **Juventus** avoided the trap that befell them at the same stage last season, when they crashed out. They finished top of a relatively easy group, ahead of **FC Porto**, who beat Rosenborg in their final match and thus sent Celtic, 4-3 winners over Juve, into the UEFA Cup.

Not for the first time, **Barcelona** had Rivaldo to thank for their top spot in Group F. The Brazilian's injury-time goal against Fenerbahce on matchday six confirmed first place for the Catalans ahead of **Bayer Leverkusen**, who were beaten 4-2 at home by Lyon.

**Deportivo La Coruna** won two matches in Group G – home and away to **Manchester United** – and drew the other four to finish in first place. At Old Trafford, Diego Tristan took advantage of defensive blunders by United keeper Fabien Barthez to score twice in an exciting 3-2 victory.

Lille showed some early promise, almost holding United at Old Trafford before a fortunate David Beckham winner, but their challenge eventually subsided and they had to settle for UEFA Cup qualification.

**Sparta Prague** were the surprise leaders of Group H going into the final matchday, but they could not hold out against defending champions **Bayern Munich**, losing 1-0 to a Jiri Novotny own goal. The win put Bayern top of the group, but Sparta qualified with ease in the runners-up spot. Giovane Elber, Bayern's Brazilian striker, finished the group with six goals.

**Brondby 5** (Borovic og 1, Bagger 30, Jonson 54, 77, 84)
**Varteks 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Kapitanis (Cyp)
*Brondby 6-3 on agg*

**Chelsea 1** (Zola 64)
**Hapoel Tel Aviv 1** (Osterc 35)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 28,433. **Ref:** Duhamel (Fra)
*Hapoel 3-1 on agg*

**Club Brugge 5** (Martens 4, 73, 90, Verheyen 7, Mendoza 42)
**CSKA Kyiv 0**
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 7,788. **Ref:** Gomes Costa (Por)
*Sent off: Tkachenko (CSKA) 90min*
*Club Brugge 7-0 on agg*

**CSKA Sofia 0**
**Milan 1** (Inzaghi 62)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Gallagher (Eng)
*Sent off: Lechkov (CSKA) 90min*
*Milan 3-0 on agg*

**Dinamo Moscow 1** (Gusev 28)
**Rangers 4** (De Boer 8, Ferguson 16, Flo 43, Lovenkrands 79)
**HT:** 1-3. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Rodomonti (Ita)
*Rangers 7-2 on agg*

**Helsingborgs 1** (Eklund 8)
**Ipswich Town 3** (Hreidarsson 69, Stewart 81, 88)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 9,500. **Ref:** Gonzalez (Spa)
*Ipswich 3-1 on agg*

**Hertha 2** (Alex Alves 18, Sverrisson 29)
**Viking 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Allaerts (Blg)
*Hertha 3-0 on agg*

**Maccabi Tel Aviv 2** (Biton 37, 57)
**Roda JC 1** (Lawal 6)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 8,500. **Ref:** Mikulski (Pol)
*Roda 5-3 on agg*

**Marila Pribram 2** (Cizek 36, Kucera 63)
**PAOK Salonika 2** (De Sousa 15, Yasemakis 61)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 2,225. **Ref:** Vollquartz (Den)
*PAOK 8-3 on agg*

**Parma 0**
**Utrecht 0**
**Att:** 8,560. **Ref:** Fleischer (Ger)
*Parma 3-1 on agg*

**Rapid Wien 2** (Wallner 11, 17)
**Paris Saint-Germain 2** (Potillon 52, Hugo Leal 90)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Olsen (Nor)
*PSG 6-2 on agg*

**Servette 1** (Oruma 87)
**Zaragoza 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 8,900. **Ref:** Erdemir (Tur)
*Servette 1-0 on agg*

**Slovan Liberec 3** (Stajner 39, Nezmar 71, 90)
**Celta Vigo 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Wack (Ger)
*Slovan 4-3 on agg*

**Sporting Lisbon 6** (Jardel pen 30, 76, 90, Joao Pinto 38, Niculae 62, Beto 70)
**Halmstads 1** (Nordstrand 39)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Leuba (Swi)
*Sporting 7-1 on agg*

**St Gallen 1** (Zellweger 8)
**Freiburg 4** (Tskitishvili 11, Sellimi 37, But 73, Kehl 82)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 16,066. **Ref:** Michal (Cze)
*Freiburg 4-2 on agg*

**Standard Liege 0**
**Bordeaux 2** (Dugarry 57, Pauleta 84)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Ersoy (Tur)
*Bordeaux 4-0 on agg*

**FC Tirol 2** (Gilewicz 25, 74)
**Fiorentina 2** (Nuno Gomes 26, Morfeo 41)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 14,500. **Ref:** Douros (Gre)
*Sent off: Di Livio 69min, Vanoli 90min (both Fiorentina)*
*Fiorentina 4-2 on agg*

**Troyes 3** (Amzine 7, Hamed 37, Rothen 58)
**Leeds United 2** (Viduka 14, Keane 76)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 15,079. **Ref:** De Santis (Ita)
*Leeds 6-5 on agg*

**Twente 4** (Van der Laan 37, 79, Cairo 45, El Brazi 61)
**Grasshopper 2** (Chapuisat 70, Mwaruwari 85)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 6,500. **Ref:** Hanacsek (Hun)
*Grasshopper 6-5 on agg*

**Valencia 6** (Albelda 12, Ilie 15, Djukic 31, Almar pen 38, Sanchez 69, Angulo 77)
**Legia Warsaw 1** (Svitlica 75)
**HT:** 4-0. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Ovrebo (Nor)
*Valencia 7-2 on agg*

## 3rd rnd draw

AEK Athens v Litex Lovech
Bordeaux v Roda JC
Brondby v Parma
Club Brugge v Lyon
FC Copenhagen v Borussia Dortmund
Feyenoord v Freiburg
Fiorentina v Lille
Grasshopper v Leeds United
Hapoel Tel Aviv v Lokomotiv Moscow
Ipswich Town v Internazionale
PAOK Salonika v PSV Eindhoven
Rangers v Paris Saint-Germain
Servette v Hertha
Slovan Liberec v Mallorca
Sporting Lisbon v Milan
Valencia v Celtic
*1st legs, November 22; 2nd legs, December 6*

## AUSTRIA

**Oct 10:** Karnten 2 Sturm Graz 0; Austria Wien 0 FC Tirol 1; Bregenz 2 Rapid Wien 1; Grazer AK 3 SV Ried 0; Salzburg 2 Admira 0.
**Oct 13:** Karnten 3 Grazer AK 2; Rapid Wien 1 Salzburg 0; SV Ried 1 Austria Wien 0; Sturm Graz 3 Bregenz 0.
**Oct 14:** Admira 0 FC Tirol 2.
**Oct 20:** Austria Wien 3 Admira 0; Bregenz 2 Karnten 0; Salzburg 2 SV Ried 0.
**Oct 21:** Grazer AK 1 Rapid Wien 0; FC Tirol 0 Sturm Graz 0.
**Oct 24:** SV Ried 0 FC Tirol 2.
**Nov 3:** Admira 0 SV Ried 2; Austria Wien 2 Karnten 0; Grazer AK 1 Sturm Graz 1; Salzburg 3 Bregenz 3.
**Nov 4:** FC Tirol 2 Rapid Wien 0.

**AUSTRIA**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FC Tirol | 16 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 38 | 1 | 42 |
| Sturm Graz | 16 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 28 | 12 | 32 |
| Grazer AK | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 33 | 25 | 28 |
| Karnten | 16 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 22 | 24 |
| Salzburg | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 18 | 19 | 23 |
| Austria Wien | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 23 | 22 | 20 |
| Bregenz | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 21 | 34 | 20 |
| SV Ried | 18 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 23 | 30 | 18 |
| Rapid Wien | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 15 | 23 | 18 |
| Admira | 17 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 10 | 38 | 7 |

## BELGIUM

### Tuesday, October 9

**La Louviere 0**
**Lommel 0** Att: 2,800

### Wednesday, October 10

**Anderlecht 2** (Baseggio pen 62, pen 89)
**Gent 0** Att: 24,500

**Beveren 1** (Zezeto 39)
**Standard 1** (Ernst 46) Att: 4,000

**Genk 5** (Sonck 11, 24, Beslija 40, 80, Dagano 48)
**Eendracht Aalst 0** Att: 19,211

**Lierse 0**
**Club Brugge 2** (Sillah pen 5, Lange 33) Att: 8,500

**Lokeren 4** (Kargbo og 12, De Beule 43, Bangoura 84, Kristinsson 88)
**RWDM 0** Att: 4,000

**Mouscron 3** (Ban 39, Gregoire 78, Marcin Zewlakow 82)
**Germinal Beerschot 1** (Kpaka 27) Att: 7,000

**Royal Antwerp 2** (Yattara 35, Mussa 73)
**Charleroi 0** Att: 3,000

**Westerlo 0**
**St Truiden 0** Att: 5,000

### Saturday, October 13

**Charleroi 2** (Biakolo 16, Eduardo 90)
**La Louviere 1** (Siquet 72) Att: 11,402

**Gent 0**
**Genk 0** Att: 11,000

**Lommel 2** (Baranyos 24, Hoefkens 62)
**Anderlecht 2** (Seol 13, Hendrikx 65) Att: 9,500

**Mouscron 1** (Ban 14)
**Westerlo 2** (Vandenbergh 21, Pelic 52) Att: 7,000

**RWDM 3** (Butera 35, Fassotte pen 40, Smid 80)
**Beveren 0** Att: 4,000

**St Truiden 1** (Kalisa 2)
**Lokeren 0** Att: 7,000

**Standard 4** (Okpara 38, Goossens 44, 53, Meyssen 79)
**Royal Antwerp 2** (Evens 15, Yattara 57) Att: 9,300

### Sunday, October 14

**Eendracht Aalst 0**
**Lierse 2** (Imschoot 48, Janssens 82) Att: 4,500

**Germinal Beerschot 1** (Snelders 90)
**Club Brugge 2** (Clement 23, Sillah 53) Att: 9,250

### Saturday, October 20

**Anderlecht 2** (Mornar 14, De Boeck 87)
**Charleroi 1** (Rojas 74) Att: 23,101

**Genk 4** (Dagano 9, 42, 48, Daerden 84)
**Lommel 2** (Culek 40, Waligora pen 65) Att: 20,717

**Lokeren 2** (Vonasek 21, Kristinsson 58)
**Mouscron 1** (Marcin Zewlakow 65) Att: 4,000

**Royal Antwerp 1** (Mussa 89)
**RWDM 2** (Kolotilko 32, Origi 66) Att: 3,500

### Sunday, October 21

**Beveren 3** (Zezeto 48, 53, Danilevicius 68)
**St Truiden 2** (Van Geel 63, Mbonabucya 80) Att: 3,000

**Club Brugge 3** (Clement 4, Lange 12, Mendoza 80)
**Eendracht Aalst 0** Att: 17,253

**La Louviere 3** (Tilmant 11, Rivenet 48, Buelinckx 52)
**Standard 1** (Goossens 16) Att: 10,500

**Lierse 1** (Snoeckx 40)
**Gent 2** (Kaklamanos 9, 87) Att: 7,000

**Westerlo 1** (Pelic 22)
**Germinal Beerschot 2** (Snelders 66, Kpaka 90) Att: 5,000

### Saturday, October 27

**Charleroi 0**
**Genk 3** (Sonck 3, Dagano 11, 71) Att: 11,400

**Germinal Beerschot 4** (Huysmans 24, 79, Kpaka pen 55, Bodor 70)
**Eendracht Aalst 0** Att: 8,000

**RWDM 1** (Butera 80)
**La Louviere 0** Att: 4,500

**St Truiden 3** (Mbonabucya 45, Vrancken 61, Pereira 63)
**Royal Antwerp 1** (D'Haene 83) Att: 7,000

**Standard 1** (Da Silva Moreira 62)
**Anderlecht 0** Att: 23,000

**Westerlo 0**
**Lokeren 1** (Bangoura 53) Att: 4,500

### Sunday, October 28

**Gent 2** (Vanic pen 45, Oyawole 55)
**Club Brugge 2** (Simic pen 84, 86) Att: 11,500

**Lommel 2** (Waligora 25, Tankary 38)
**Lierse 2** (Gadiaga 11, Frigard 62) Att: 4,000

**Mouscron 3** (Ban 19, 62, Marcin Zewlakow 63)
**Beveren 0** Att: 7,000

### Wednesday, October 31

**Lokeren 1** (Gretarsson pen 73)
**Charleroi 0** Att: 6,800

### Saturday, November 3

**Anderlecht 2** (Mornar 19, Basseggio 71)
**RWDM 2** (Kolotilko 41, Allou 49) Att: 23,500

**Beveren 1** (Zezeto 14)
**Westerlo 1** (Vandenbergh 55) Att: 3,000

**Lierse 1** (Frigard 24)
**Charleroi 2** (Rojas pen 32, Martine 67) Att: 7,000

**Lokeren 3** (Bangoura 31, 46, Rudi 72)
**Germinal Beerschot 2** (Snelders 52, Kpaka 66) Att: 7,000

**Royal Antwerp 2** (Christopher 37, Yattara 65)
**Mouscron 1** (Casto pen 13) Att: 3,500

### Sunday, November 4

**Club Brugge 3** (Lange 6, 10, Martens 87)
**Lommel 1** (Baranyos 85) Att: 16,900

**Eendracht Aalst 1** (Dimbala 57)
**Gent 3** (Kaklamanos 40, Oyawole 41, Nielsen 49) Att: 8,000

**Genk 1** (Leenders 62)
**Standard 1** (Van Meir 24) Att: 21,134

**La Louviere 1** (Ouedec 90)
**St Truiden 0** Att: 5,600

**BELGIUM**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gent | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 13 | 29 |
| Club Brugge | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 11 | 28 |
| Genk | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 33 | 15 | 25 |
| Lokeren | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 12 | 22 |
| Anderlecht | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 23 | 14 | 19 |
| Standard | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 19 |
| St Truiden | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 21 | 18 | 18 |
| Charleroi | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 16 | 17 |
| G Beerschot | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 26 | 20 | 16 |
| Eendracht Aalst | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 24 | 16 |
| Lierse | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 13 |
| Lommel | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 29 | 13 |
| Mouscron | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 18 | 17 | 12 |
| Westerlo | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 18 | 11 |
| Royal Antwerp | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 22 | 11 |
| RWDM | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 20 | 11 |
| La Louviere | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 27 | 8 |
| Beveren | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 31 | 7 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 12 | Wesley Sonck (Genk) |
| 11 | Rune Lange (Club Brugge) |
| 11 | Beli Moumouni Dagano (Genk) |
| 9 | Paul Kpaka (Germinal Beerschot) |

## BULGARIA

**Oct 9:** Belasitsa 0 Lovech 1; CSKA 1 Cherno More 0.
**Oct 10:** Lokomotiv Sofia 0 Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1; Spartak Varna 1 Levski 2; Marek 1 Slavia 0; Spartak Pleven 4 Chernomorets 0; Neftohimik 2 Beroe 0.
**Oct 12:** Lovech 1 CSKA 1.
**Oct 13:** Beroe 0 Chernomorets 0; Slavia 3 Spartak Pleven 2; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2 Belasitsa 0; Levski 4 Marek 1; Neftohimik 2 Lokomotiv Sofia 0.
**Oct 14:** Cherno More 1 Spartak Varna 1.
**Oct 19:** Spartak Pleven 2 Levski 4.
**Oct 20:** Lokomotiv Sofia 1 Beroe 1; Belasitsa 2 Neftohimik 1; Marek 2 Cherno More 0; Chernomorets 0 Slavia 0.
**Oct 21:** Spartak Varna 2 Lovech 4; CSKA 2 Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1.
**Oct 26:** Lovech 2 Marek 0.
**Oct 27:** Neftohimik 1 CSKA 0; Cherno More 2 Spartak Pleven 2; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1 Spartak Varna 1; Lokomotiv Sofia 0 Belasitsa 0; Levski 4 Chernomorets 0.
**Oct 28:** Beroe 0 Slavia 4.
**Nov 2:** Slavia 0 Levski 0.
**Nov 3:** Belasitsa 1 Beroe 0; Spartak Varna 0 Neftohimik 0; Marek 1 Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1; Spartak Pleven 0 Lovech 0; Chernomorets 1 Cherno More 0.
**Nov 4:** CSKA 4 Lokomotiv Sofia 0.

**BULGARIA**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Levski | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 7 | 32 |
| CSKA | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 8 | 27 |
| Neftohimik | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 9 | 25 |
| Lovech | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 24 | 15 | 25 |
| Lok Plovdiv | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 12 | 24 |
| Spartak Pleven | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 25 | 24 | 17 |
| Slavia | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 17 |
| Spartak Varna | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 19 | 14 |
| Cherno More | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 16 | 14 |
| Lok Sofia | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 13 |
| Belasitsa | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 17 | 11 |
| Marek | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 24 | 11 |
| Chernomorets | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 24 | 11 |
| Beroe | 13 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 24 | 6 |

## CROATIA

**Oct 9:** Osijek 2 Kamen Ingrad 1.
**Oct 10:** Hrvatski drag 2 Cakovec 1; Slaven 0 Dinamo 0; Hajduk 3 Pomorac 0; Rijeka 5 Sibenik 0; Zagreb 3 Cibalia 0; Varteks 5 Zadar 1; Marsonia 3 TSK 0.
**Oct 13:** Cakovec 0 Slaven 0; TSK 1 Osijek 3.
**Oct 14:** Cibalia 0 Varteks 1; Dinamo 1 Hajduk 2; Kamen Ingrad 0 Hrvatski drag 0; Zadar 2 Marsonia 2; Sibenik 2 Zagreb 3; Pomorac 0 Rijeka 1.
**Oct 17:** Kamen Ingrad 1 Dinamo 0.
**Oct 20:** Slaven 4 Kamen Ingrad 1; Hajduk 3 Cakovec 0.
**Oct 21:** Varteks 3 Sibenik 0; TSK 2 Zadar 1; Osijek 6 Hrvatski drag 1; Rijeka 1 Dinamo 0; Zagreb 4 Pomorac 3; Marsonia 2 Cibalia 1.
**Oct 25:** Zadar 4 Osijek 3.
**Oct 27:** Cibalia 1 TSK 3; Cakovec 0 Rijeka 1; Hrvatski drag 1 Slaven 1; Pomorac 2 Varteks 1.
**Oct 28:** Sibenik 1 Marsonia 0; Dinamo 3 Zagreb 3; Kamen Ingrad 1 Hajduk 3.
**Nov 3:** TSK 1 Sibenik 1; Hajduk 1 Hrvatski drag 1; Zadar 1 Cibalia 0.
**Nov 4:** Varteks 2 Dinamo 0; Osijek 0 Slaven 0; Rijeka 4 Kamen Ingrad 1; Zagreb 4 Cakovec 0; Marsonia 1 Pomorac 0.

**CROATIA**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Zagreb | 14 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 42 | 14 | 36 |
| Hajduk | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 31 | 13 | 31 |
| Varteks | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 33 | 16 | 31 |
| Rijeka | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 12 | 29 |
| Dinamo | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 24 |
| Slaven | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 13 | 20 |
| Zadar | 14 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 23 | 18 |
| Marsonia | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Hrvatski drag | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 23 | 17 |
| Osijek | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 20 | 23 | 16 |
| Cakovec | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 21 | 15 |
| Pomorac | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 21 | 14 |
| TSK | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 23 | 36 | 14 |
| Kamen Ingrad | 14 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 24 | 11 |
| Sibenik | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 24 | 9 |
| Cibalia | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 22 | 8 |

## CZECH REPUBLIC

**Oct 9:** Zizkov 2 Liberec 0.
**Oct 13:** Hradec Kralove 1 Olomouc 0; Slavia 0 Sparta 1.
**Oct 14:** Zizkov 2 Pribram 0; Drnovice 3 Opava 0; Jablonec 0 Liberec 3; Ostrava 3 Chmel Blsany 1; Teplice 1 Synot 1; Brno 0 Bohemians 3.
**Oct 19:** Olomouc 0 Zizkov 2.
**Oct 20:** Sparta 4 Ostrava 0.
**Oct 21:** Bohemians 2 Hradec Kralove 2; Synot 1 Brno 2; Chmel Blsany 1 Teplice 3; Liberec 2 Slavia 0; Opava 1 Jablonec 0; Pribram 1 Drnovice 0.
**Oct 26:** Teplice 0 Sparta 1.
**Oct 27:** Ostrava 0 Liberec 0.
**Oct 28:** Hradec Kralove 1 Zizkov 2; Drnovice 0 Olomouc 1; Jablonec 1 Pribram 0; Slavia 5 Opava 2; Brno 2 Chmel Blsany 1; Bohemians 2 Synot 1.
**Nov 2:** Olomouc 0 Jablonec 0.
**Nov 4:** Synot 2 Hradec Kralove 0; Chmel Blsany 0 Bohemians 2; Sparta 6 Brno 0; Liberec 4 Teplice 1; Opava 0 Ostrava 2; Pribram 2 Slavia 3; Zizkov 3 Drnovice 2.

**CZECH REPUBLIC**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sparta | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 6 | 33 |
| Zizkov | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 10 | 31 |
| Bohemians | 13 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 7 | 30 |
| Ostrava | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 14 | 24 |
| Liberec | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 23 |
| Slavia | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 20 | 22 |
| Brno | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 19 |
| Jablonec | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 16 |
| Synot | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 15 | 16 |
| Drnovice | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 17 | 14 |
| Olomouc | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 14 |
| Hradec Kralove | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 27 | 13 |
| Teplice | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 12 |
| Pribram | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 21 | 11 |
| Chmel Blsany | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 26 | 10 |
| Opava | 13 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 29 | 4 |

## DENMARK

**Oct 10:** FC Copenhagen 3 AGF 0; Midtjylland 2 AB 2; Viborg 2 OB 2; AaB 2 Lyngby 1; Brondby 2 Vejle 1; Silkeborg 3 Esbjerg 4.
**Oct 14:** Silkeborg 0 FC Copenhagen 1; Esbjerg 2 OB 0; AGF 1 AB 1; Lyngby 0 Midtjylland 4; Brondby 0 AaB 0.
**Oct 21:** Midtjylland 1 Brondby 3; AB 4 Vejle 0; Viborg 0 Esbjerg 1; OB 2 Silkeborg 1; FC Copenhagen 4 Lyngby 1.
**Oct 22:** AaB 1 AGF 4.
**Oct 28:** Vejle 4 AaB 2; AGF 1 Brondby 2; Lyngby 2 OB 3; Silkeborg 1 Viborg 1; FC Copenhagen 1 Midtjylland 1.
**Oct 29:** Esbjerg 1 AB 2.
**Nov 4:** Midtjylland 2 AGF 0; Brondby 6 Vejle 1; AB 1 Silkeborg 0; Viborg 1 Lyngby 1; OB 1 FC Copenhagen 1.
**Nov 5:** AaB 0 Esbjerg 0.

**DENMARK**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brondby | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 40 | 8 | 36 |
| AB | 15 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 25 | 14 | 27 |
| AaB | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 22 | 27 |
| FC Copenhagen | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 22 | 13 | 26 |
| Esbjerg | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 21 | 26 |
| Midtjylland | 15 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 22 |
| OB | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 23 | 20 |
| Viborg | 14 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 13 |
| Lyngby | 15 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 16 | 25 | 13 |
| Vejle | 14 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 35 | 13 |
| AGF | 15 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 26 | 11 |
| Silkeborg | 15 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 29 | 4 |

## ENGLAND

### Saturday, October 13

**Bolton 0**
**Newcastle 4** (Solano 41, Robert 62, Shearer 72, Bellamy 84) Att: 25,631

**Charlton 0**
**Middlesbrough 0** Att: 20,451

**Chelsea 2** (Hasselbaink pen 20, Gudjohnsen 45)
**Leicester 0** Att: 40,370

**Ipswich 0**
**Everton 0** Att: 22,820

**Liverpool 1** (Murphy 69)
**Leeds 1** (Kewell 27) Att: 44,352

**Southampton 0**
**Arsenal 2** (Pires 5, Henry 74) Att: 29,759

**Sunderland 1** (Phillips 83)
**Man Utd 3** (Varga og 35, Giggs 59, Cole 66) Att: 48,305

### Sunday, October 14

**Aston Villa 2** (Vassell 50, Taylor 61)
**Fulham 0** Att: 28,579

**Blackburn 7** (Flitcroft 18, Dunn 27, Johnson 28, McCann og 63, Tugay 80, Jansen 82, Hignett 90)
**West Ham 1** (Carrick 39) Att: 22,712

### Monday, October 15

**Tottenham 3** (Ferdinand 10, Ziege 41, Poyet 90)
**Derby 1** (Ravanelli 15) Att: 30,148

### Saturday, October 20

**Arsenal 3** (Pires 48, Bergkamp 53, Henry 78)
**Blackburn 3** (Gillespie 41, Dunn 58, 89) Att: 38,108

**Derby 1** (Ravanelli 15)
**Charlton 1** (Euell 73) Att: 30,221

**Everton 3** (Watson 31, Radzinski 59, Gravesen 62)
**Aston Villa 2** (Hadji 71, Schmeichel 90) Att: 33,352

**Leicester 1** (Wise 58)
**Liverpool 4** (Fowler 5, 43, 90, Hyypia 10) Att: 21,886

**Man Utd 1** (Veron 25)
**Bolton 2** (Nolan 35, Ricketts 84) Att: 67,559

**West Ham 2** (Kanoute 53, 81)
**Southampton 0** Att: 25,842

### Sunday, October 21

**Fulham 1** (Hayles 22)
**Ipswich 1** (Wright 55) Att: 17,221

**Leeds 0**
**Chelsea 0** Att: 40,171

**Newcastle 0**
**Tottenham 2** (Speed og 8, Poyet 20) Att: 50,593

### Monday, October 22

**Middlesbrough 2** (Queudrue 2, Boksic 21)
**Sunderland 0** Att: 28,432

### Wednesday, October 24

**Aston Villa 1** (Kachloul 9)
**Charlton 0** Att: 27,701

**Southampton 3** (Beattie 14, Pahars 23, Marsden 52)
**Ipswich 3** (Stewart 38, 73, Venus 64) Att: 19,614

**West Ham 2** (Carrick 5, Kanoute 13)
**Chelsea 1** (Hasselbaink 22) Att: 26,520

### Saturday, October 27

**Aston Villa 3** (Angel pen 13, 47, Vassell 43)
**Bolton 2** (Ricketts 2, 75) Att: 33,599

**Charlton 0**
**Liverpool 2** (Redknapp 14, Owen 43) Att: 22,887

**Everton 1** (Weir 51)
**Newcastle 3** (Bellamy 19, Solano 49, Acuna 86) Att: 37,521

**Fulham 2** (Malbranque 25, 33)
**Southampton 1** (Beattie 32) Att: 18,771

**Man Utd 1** (Solskjaer 89)
**Leeds 1** (Viduka 77) Att: 67,555

**Sunderland 1** (Schwarz 54)
**Arsenal 1** (Kanu 40) Att: 48,029

**Tottenham 2** (Sheringham pen 58, Ferdinand 61)
**Middlesbrough 1** (Boksic 9) Att: 36,062

### Sunday, October 28

**Derby 1** (Ravanelli 7)
**Chelsea 1** (Hasselbaink 48) Att: 28,910

**Ipswich 2** (Hreidarsson 63, Holland 90)
**West Ham 3** (Di Canio 21, Kanoute 72, Defoe 89) Att: 22,834

### Monday, October 29

**Blackburn 0**
**Leicester 0** Att: 21,873

### Saturday, November 3

**Bolton 2** (Frandsen 10, Ricketts 90)
**Everton 2** (Stubbs 43, Gascoigne 57) Att: 27,343

**Leicester 1** (Akinbiyi 61)
**Sunderland 0** Att: 20,573

**Middlesbrough 5** (Nemeth 49, Marinelli 57, 82, Boksic 61, Mustoe 73)
**Derby 1** (Ravanelli 89) Att: 28,117

**Newcastle 3** (Bellamy 37, 82, Shearer 50)
**Aston Villa 0** Att: 51,057

**Southampton 1** (Pahars 36)
**Blackburn 2** (Tugay 44, Hignett 90) Att: 30,523

**West Ham 0**
**Fulham 2** (Legwinski 44, Malbranque 65) Att: 26,217

### Sunday, November 4

**Arsenal 2** (Henry 7, pen 60)
**Charlton 4** (Brown 35, Wright og 43, Jensen 49, Euell 53) Att: 38,010

**Chelsea 2** (Zola 36, Dalla Bona 90)
**Ipswich 1** (Stewart pen 83) Att: 40,497

**Leeds 2** (Harte 61, Kewell 82)
**Tottenham 1** (Poyet 52) Att: 40,203

**Liverpool 3** (Owen 32, 51, Riise 39)
**Man Utd 1** (Beckham 50) Att: 44,361

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| pos | name | team | goals | factor | pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Maksim Gruznov | Trans Narva (Est) | 37 | 1 | 37 |
| 2 | Christian Gimenez | Lugano/Basle (Swi) | 19 | 1.5 | 28.5 |
| 3 | Dmitriy Vyazmikin | Torpedo Moscow (Rus) | 18 | 1.5 | 27 |
| 4 | Thorstein Helstad | Brann Bergen (Nor) | 17 | 1.5 | 25.5 |
| | Frode Johnsen | Rosenborg (Nor) | 17 | 1.5 | 25.5 |
| | Clayton Zane | Lillestrom (Nor) | 17 | 1.5 | 25.5 |
| 7 | Sergei Davydov | Neman-Belkard (Bls) | 24 | 1 | 24 |
| | Mihails Miholaps | Skonto Riga (Lat) | 24 | 1 | 24 |
| | Ivica Olic | Dinamo Zagreb (Cro) | 16 | 1.5 | 24 |
| 10 | Harald Brattbakk | Rosenborg (Nor) | 15 | 1.5 | 22.5 |
| | Ronald Brunmayr | Grazer AK (Aut) | 15 | 1.5 | 22.5 |
| | Erik Nevland | Viking (Nor) | 15 | 1.5 | 22.5 |
| | Stefan Selakovic | Halmstads (Swe) | 15 | 1.5 | 22.5 |
| 14 | Andrei Kirlov | Tallinna VMK (Est) | 22 | 1 | 22 |
| | Paulus Roiha | HJK Helsinki (Fin) | 22 | 1 | 22 |
| 16 | Andrei Fedkov | Sokol Saratov (Rus) | 14 | 1.5 | 21 |
| | Jostein Flo | Stromsgodset (Nor) | 14 | 1.5 | 21 |
| | Andreas Hermansson | Hammarby (Swe) | 14 | 1.5 | 21 |
| | Aleksandr Katasonov | Metalurgs (Lat) | 21 | 1 | 21 |
| | Ricardo Nunez | Grasshopper (Swi) | 14 | 1.5 | 21 |
| | Remigijus Pocius | FBK Kaunas (Lit) | 21 | 1 | 21 |
| | Serghei Rogaciov | Saturn (Rus) | 14 | 1.5 | 21 |
| 23 | Jean-Claude Darcheville | Lorient (Fra) | 10 | 2 | 20 |
| | Stanislav Dubrovin | Dinaburg (Lat) | 20 | 1 | 20 |
| | Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink | Chelsea (Eng) | 10 | 2 | 20 |
| | Thierry Henry | Arsenal (Eng) | 10 | 2 | 20 |
| | Arman Karamian | Pyunik Yerevan (Arm) | 20 | 1 | 20 |

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**ENGLAND**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leeds | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 23 |
| Liverpool | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 10 | 22 |
| Aston Villa | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 21 |
| Newcastle | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 14 | 20 |
| Arsenal | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 19 |
| Man Utd | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 28 | 20 | 18 |
| Chelsea | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 18 |
| Blackburn | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 15 | 17 |
| Tottenham | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 17 | 17 |
| Bolton | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Everton | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 15 |
| Fulham | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 14 |
| Middlesbrough | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 20 | 14 |
| West Ham | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 21 | 14 |
| Charlton | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 13 |
| Sunderland | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 13 |
| Leicester | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 23 | 9 |
| Ipswich | 12 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 8 |
| Southampton | 11 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 21 | 7 |
| Derby | 11 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 22 | 7 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 10 | Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Chelsea) |
| 10 | Thierry Henry (Arsenal) |
| 8 | Michael Ricketts (Bolton) |
| 7 | Fabrizio Ravanelli (Derby) |
| 6 | Michael Owen (Liverpool) |

## ESTONIA

**ESTONIA – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Flora Tallinn | 28 | 21 | 5 | 2 | 62 | 18 | 68 |
| Tallinna VMK | 28 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 77 | 30 | 56 |
| Levadia Maardu | 28 | 16 | 7 | 5 | 72 | 35 | 55 |
| Trans Narva | 28 | 16 | 3 | 9 | 79 | 35 | 51 |
| Tulevik Viljandi | 28 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 41 | 37 | 39 |
| Levadia Tallinn | 28 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 30 | 78 | 23 |
| Lootus | 28 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 21 | 53 | 17 |
| Kuressaare | 28 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 18 | 114 | 7 |

*Relegated: Kuressaare*
*Promoted: Levadia Parnu*

## FAROE ISLANDS

**FAROE ISLANDS – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B36 | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 55 | 15 | 46 |
| GI | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 53 | 20 | 42 |
| B68 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 39 | 25 | 31 |
| VB | 18 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 43 | 24 | 30 |
| NSI | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 23 | 21 | 28 |
| KI | 18 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 27 | 38 | 25 |
| HB | 18 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 32 | 25 | 23 |
| EB/Streymur | 18 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 20 | 34 | 16 |
| B71 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 17 | 52 | 10 |
| FS Vagar | 18 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 19 | 76 | 9 |

*Relegated: FS Vagar*
*Promoted: TB*

## FINLAND

**FINLAND - FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampere Utd | 33 | 21 | 5 | 7 | 47 | 31 | 68 |
| HJK Helsinki | 33 | 19 | 10 | 4 | 64 | 19 | 67 |
| MyPa | 33 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 45 | 23 | 62 |
| FC Haka | 33 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 44 | 29 | 52 |
| Inter Turku | 33 | 15 | 4 | 14 | 46 | 47 | 49 |
| VPS Vaasa | 33 | 14 | 3 | 16 | 50 | 52 | 45 |
| Atlantis | 33 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 45 | 47 | 45 |
| KuPS | 33 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 37 | 48 | 37 |
| Lahti | 33 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 38 | 48 | 36 |
| Jazz | 33 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 36 | 52 | 32 |
| Jokerit | 33 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 31 | 56 | 28 |
| RoPS | 33 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 25 | 56 | 24 |

*Relegated: RoPS*
*Promoted: Hameenlinna*

## FRANCE

### Saturday, October 13

**Auxerre 1** (Fadiga 18)
**Troyes 3** (Gousse 5, Saifi 62, O Thomas 77) Att: 15,000

**Lille 1** (Bakari 90)
**Nantes 0** Att: 7,000

**Lorient 2** (Feindouno 12, Darcheville 77)
**Lens 3** (Moreira 19, 23, 39) Att: 12,176

**Metz 0**
**Marseille 2** (Nouma 10, Fernandao 82) Att: 25,609

**Monaco 2** (Nonda pen 67, Bierhoff 90)
**Sedan 0** Att: 5,000

**Montpellier 0**
**Bordeaux 0** Att: 13,781

**Rennes 2** (Le Roux 23, Lucas 69)
**Guingamp 1** (Fiorese 79) Att: 17,821

**Sochaux 4** (Frau pen 25, 51, Crucet 45, Trapasso 90)
**Bastia 1** (Ferreira 82) Att: 16,090

### Sunday, October 14

**Paris SG 2** (Okocha 18, Ronaldinho pen 79)
**Lyon 2** (Nee 14, Govou 27) Att: 41,945

### Saturday, October 20

**Bastia 1** (Ferreira 87)
**Rennes 2** (Chapuis 61, 75) Att: 5,500

**Guingamp 2** (Fiorese 39, Malouda 48)
**Monaco 1** (Saib 53) Att: 10,302

**Lens 2** (Coridon 37, Moreira 90)
**Montpellier 0** Att: 35,830

**Lyon 1** (Juninho 83)
**Sochaux 1** (Isabey 38) Att: 30,000

**Marseille 0**
**Lille 0** Att: 50,000

**Nantes 2** (Quint pen 67, Da Rocha 83)
**Auxerre 2** (Tainio 58, Fadiga pen 68) Att: 30,000

### Sunday, October 21

**Bordeaux 1** (Pauleta 86)
**Metz 0** Att: 24,023

**Sedan 1** (Mionnet 68)
**Paris SG 2** (Aloisio 53, Dehu 80) Att: 20,000

**Troyes 4** (Boutal pen 23, Loko 49, Niang 51, Amzine 64)
**Lorient 2** (Darcheville 13, Le Lan 24) Att: 12,629

### Friday, October 26

**Auxerre 2** (Fadiga 4, Cisse 33)
**Marseille 0** Att: 20,000

### Saturday, October 27

**Bordeaux 2** (Christian 69, Pauleta 79)
**Sedan 1** (N'Diefi 5) Att: 28,000

**Lille 2** (Beck pen 31, Tafforeau 36)
**Metz 0** Att: 17,721

**Lorient 6** (Darcheville 10, 22, 82, Kroupi 56, Guel 71, 89)
**Guingamp 2** (Fiorese 5, Bardon 90) Att: 15,000

**Monaco 2** (Bierhoff 67, Nonda 68)
**Lyon 1** (Givet og 70) Att: 12,000

**Montpellier 2** (Tourenne og 44, Fugier 90)
**Troyes 0** Att: 9,270

**Paris SG 1** (Aloisio 27)
**Bastia 0** Att: 45,000

**Rennes 1** (Arribage 32)
**Lens 2** (Ismael 12, 13) Att: 16,391

**Sochaux 0**
**Nantes 1** (Devineau 52) Att: 19,425

### Saturday, November 3

**Bastia 3** (Vairelles pen 55, 56, Essien 68)
**Lorient 1** (Darcheville 21) Att: 5,766

**Guingamp 0**
**Sochaux 0** Att: 8,420

**Marseille 2** (Fernandao 13, Leboeuf pen 85)
**Rennes 1** (Monterrubio pen 87) Att: 50,000

**Nantes 2** (Ziani 20, Ahamada 30)
**Monaco 1** (Nonda 74) Att: 34,869

**Sedan 2** (Camara 3, Asuar 75)
**Montpellier 0** Att: 16,703

### Sunday, November 4

**Lens 0**
**Bordeaux 0** Att: 39,052

**Lyon 4** (Govou 29, 76, Pichot og 45, Violeau 90)
**Lille 2** (Brechet og 31, Fahmi 42) Att: 34,788

**Metz 2** (Jager 21, 78)
**Auxerre 0** Att: 17,068

**Troyes 1** (Loko 65)
**Paris SG 0** Att: 15,665

**FRANCE**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lens | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 11 | 28 |
| Lille | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 9 | 26 |
| Lyon | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 13 | 24 |
| Auxerre | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 13 | 23 |
| Bordeaux | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 21 |
| Sochaux | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 14 | 20 |
| Troyes | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 14 | 20 |
| Paris SG | 13 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 19 |
| Bastia | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 16 | 16 |
| Lorient | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 23 | 15 |
| Monaco | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Guingamp | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 15 |
| Marseille | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 14 |
| Rennes | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 24 | 14 |
| Metz | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 13 |
| Montpellier | 13 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 12 |
| Sedan | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 11 |
| Nantes | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 10 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 10 | Jean-Claude Darcheville (Lorient) |
| 8 | Djibril Cisse (Auxerre) |
| 7 | Pierre-Alain Frau (Sochaux) |
| 7 | Daniel Moreira (Lens) |
| 6 | Olivier Monterrubio (Rennes) |
| 6 | Shabani Nonda (Monaco) |
| 6 | Pauleta (Bordeaux) |

## GERMANY

### Saturday, October 13

**Borussia MG 1** (Demo pen 78)
**Borussia Dortmund 2** (Ricken 13, Ewerthon 23) Att: 34,500

**Energie Cottbus 2** (Helbig 13, Sebok 52)
**Bayer Leverkusen 3** (Kirsten 4, pen 57, Ballack 43) Att: 16,460

**Freiburg 2** (Kobiashvili pen 41, Iashvili 74)
**St Pauli 2** (Marcao 15, Konetzke 81) Att: 25,000

**Hamburg 4** (Barbarez 37, Ketelaer 41, 47, Benyamin 59)
**Hertha 0** Att: 45,000

**Kaiserslautern 3** (Grammozis 46, Lokvenc 49, Ramzy 77)
**Hansa Rostock 1** (Beierle 37) Att: 38,000

**1860 Munich 1** (Bierofka 9)
**Bayern Munich 5** (Santa Cruz 28, Fink 44, Salihamidzic 57, Elber 80, Pizarro pen 85) Att: 69,000

**Stuttgart 3** (Bordon 35, Ganea 52, Hleb 54)
**Schalke 0** Att: 38,000

### Sunday, October 14

**Koln 0**
**Wolfsburg 4** (Petrov 2, pen 50, Ponte 6, Karhan 61) Att: 25,000

**Werder Bremen 3** (Lisztes 4, 56, Ernst 90)
**Nurnberg 0** Att: 30,000

### Saturday, October 20

**Bayer Leverkusen 4** (Ze Roberto 24, Zivkovic 59, Lucio 63, Berbatov 86)
**Stuttgart 1** (Ganea 10) Att: 22,500

**Bayern Munich 4** (Santa Cruz 16, Salihamidzic 23, pen 29, Pizarro 90)
**Kaiserslautern 1** (H Koch pen 82) Att: 63,000

**Hansa Rostock 3** (Radwan 60, Beierle 62, Wibran 73)
**Koln 0** Att: 15,000

**Hertha 3** (Dardai 6, Goor 30, Rehmer 61)
**Werder Bremen 1** (Ailton 7) Att: 34,426

**Nurnberg 1** (Frey 74)
**Borussia MG 2** (Mieciel 10, Nikl og 60) Att: 33,300

**Schalke 1** (Jentzsch og 13)
**1860 Munich 0** Att: 60,204

**St Pauli 4** (Patschinski 3, 55, Kaluzny og 52, Meggle 78)
**Energie Cottbus 0** Att: 19,617

### Sunday, October 21

**Borussia Dortmund 0**
**Freiburg 2** (Coulibaly 44, Kehl 90) Att: 66,500

**Wolfsburg 0**
**Hamburg 1** (Hoogma 57) Att: 19,080

### Saturday, October 27

**Borussia MG 2** (Munch pen 10, Witeczek 81)
**Freiburg 2** (Kehl 3, Sellimi 64) Att: 27,876

**Energie Cottbus 0**
**Borussia Dortmund 2** (Ricken 77, Amoroso 83) Att: 19,300

**Kaiserslautern 0**
**Schalke 0** Att: 40,600

**Koln 0**
**Bayern Munich 2** (Pizarro 27, 70) Att: 42,000

**1860 Munich 1** (Hassler 31)
**Bayer Leverkusen 4** (Hoffmann og 33, Placente 78, Schneider 83, Neuville pen 90) Att: 25,000

**Stuttgart 2** (Tiffert 11, Endress 89)
**St Pauli 0** Att: 19,000

**Werder Bremen 1** (Bode 79)
**Wolfsburg 0** Att: 25,814

### Sunday, October 28

**Hamburg 0**
**Hansa Rostock 1** (Beierle 42) Att: 46,169

**Nurnberg 1** (Van Burik og 60)
**Hertha 3** (Marcelinho 20, 90, Goor 74) Att: 25,000

### Saturday, November 3

**Bayer Leverkusen 2** (Ballack 34, pen 50)
**Kaiserslautern 1** (Strasser 19) Att: 22,500

**Bayern Munich 3** (Paulo Sergio 69, Pizarro 84, 89)
**Hamburg 0** Att: 55,000

**Borussia Dortmund 1** (Ricken 51)
**Stuttgart 0** Att: 65,000

**Hansa Rostock 0**
**Werder Bremen 1** (Klasnic 74) Att: 17,000

**Schalke 3** (Sand 45, Moller 54, Asamoah 82)
**Koln 1** (Sinkala 37) Att: 60,204

**St Pauli 0**
**1860 Munich 3** (Gibbs og 5, Cerny 89, Hassler 90) Att: 20,735

**Wolfsburg 5** (Ponte 6, 30, Petrov 68, Kennedy 87, Munteanu 88)
**Nurnberg 0** Att: 11,298

### Sunday, November 4

**Freiburg 3** (Iashvili 32, Tskitishvili 61, But 76)
**Energie Cottbus 1** (Kobylanski 43) Att: 24,800

**Hertha 3** (Marcelinho 12, Van Burik 29, Preetz 66)
**Borussia MG 0** Att: 25,000

**GERMANY**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bayern Munich | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 4 | 31 |
| B Leverkusen | 12 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 31 | 13 | 30 |
| B Dortmund | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 8 | 25 |
| Kaiserslautern | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 25 | 16 | 25 |
| Schalke | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 13 | 21 |
| Hertha | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 17 | 20 |
| Werder Bremen | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 14 | 20 |
| Stuttgart | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 18 |
| Freiburg | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 16 |
| 1860 Munich | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 23 | 14 |
| Borussia MG | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 13 |
| Wolfsburg | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 17 | 12 |
| Hamburg | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 12 |
| Hansa Rostock | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 12 |
| Energie Cottbus | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 25 | 11 |
| Koln | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 23 | 8 |
| St Pauli | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 7 |
| Nurnberg | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 24 | 7 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 8 | Claudio Pizarro (Bayern Munich) |
| 7 | Michael Ballack (Bayer Leverkusen) |
| 7 | Giovane Elber (Bayern Munich) |
| 6 | Marcio Amoroso (Borussia Dortmund) |
| 6 | Ulf Kirsten (Bayer Leverkusen) |
| 6 | Marcelinho (Hertha) |

## GREECE

**Oct 13:** Akratitos 0 Panathinaikos 0.
**Oct 14:** Panionios 1 OFI 1; Ionikos 1 Iraklis 1; Panahaiki 0 Ethnikos A 0; AEK 2 Xanthi 0; PAOK 1 Olympiakos 1; Aigaleo 0 Aris 0.
**Oct 20:** Olympiakos 5 Ionikos 0; Panathinaikos 8 Panahaiki 0.
**Oct 21:** PAOK 3 Panionios 1; OFI 1 Akratitos 0; Ethnikos A 2 AEK 0; Aris 1 Xanthi 1; Iraklis 2 Aigaleo 0.
**Nov 3:** Xanthi 4 Iraklis 1.
**Nov 4:** AEK 2 Panathinaikos 0; Panionios 2 Akratitos 2; Ionikos 1 PAOK 1; Panahaiki 1 OFI 2; Aigaleo 3 Olympiakos 4; Aris 4 Ethnikos A 2.

**GREECE**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Olympiakos | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 13 |
| AEK | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 12 |
| OFI | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 10 |
| Aris | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| Panathinaikos | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 8 |
| Xanthi | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Ethnikos A | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Iraklis | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 7 |
| PAOK | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Akratitos | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Panahaiki | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 4 |
| Panionios | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 3 |
| Ionikos | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 2 |
| Aigaleo | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 1 |

## HOLLAND

### Tuesday, October 9

**AZ 1** (El Khattabi 38)
**PSV 1** (Vennegoor of Hesselink 86) Att: 7,821

**NAC 2** (Cristiano 10, 18)
**Roda JC 1** (Anastasiou 2) Att: 10,532

**RKC 2** (Hoogendorp 5, 81)
**De Graafschap 0** Att: 7,000

**Twente 0**
**Willem II 0** Att: 13,000

### Wednesday, October 10

**Ajax 5** (Chivu pen 2, Wamberto 13, 30, Van der Vaart 21, Machlas pen 80)
**NEC 0** Att: 31,665

**Heerenveen 1** (Denneboom 11)
**Utrecht 2** (Tanghe 35, Jochemsen 50) Att: 13,400

### Friday, October 12

**Roda JC 0**
**PSV 1** (De Jong 17) Att: 17,000

### Saturday, October 13

**Fortuna 3** (Gerritsen 7, Cramb 26, pen 90)
**Sparta 4** (Marbus 22, Boukhari pen 55, Koevermans 60, Blinker 86) Att: 6,500

**Heerenveen 2** (Jensen 36, Allback 61)
**AZ 1** (Buskermolen 7) Att: 14,300

**RKC 0**
**Ajax 2** (Van der Vaart 13, Pique 89) Att: 6,100

### Sunday, October 14

**De Graafschap 4** (Schulp 35, 49, 60, Meerdink 53)
**Twente 2** (Van de Paar 29, Polak 58) Att: 10,990

**Feyenoord 1** (Ono 55)
**Groningen 0** Att: 41,000

**NAC 0**
**Den Bosch 0** Att: 13,760

**NEC 1** (Simr 59)
**Vitesse 0** Att: 12,500

**Utrecht 3** (Zwaanswijk 32, Giuscevic 41, 51)
**Willem II 1** (Landzaat pen 45) Att:12,000

### Wednesday, October 17

**NAC 1** (Stewart 21)
**Willem II 1** (Caluwe 13)
*Remaining 70 minutes of game abandoned on September 23 (Willem II were leading 1-0) after objects were thrown on the pitch*

**Vitesse 1** (Mbamba 89)
**Groningen 0** Att: 23,500

### Saturday, October 20

**AZ 1** (El Khattabi 13)
**Feyenoord 3** (Van Hooijdonk 3, Paauwe 8, Emerton 17) Att: 7,783

**PSV 4** (Vennegoor of Hesselink 16, 22, Rommedahl 67, Hofland pen 88)
**De Graafschap 0** Att: 31,500

**Sparta 0**
**Roda JC 3** (Anastasiou 44, 81, Soetaers 57) Att: 6,895

**Vitesse 1** (Babangida 57)
**NAC 0** Att: 24,000

**Willem II 3** (Caluwe 44, Ceesay 58, 90)
**RKC 1** (Hoogendorp 45) Att: 13,700

### Sunday, October 21

**Den Bosch 1** (Van den Eede pen 79)
**Utrecht 1** (Tanghe 58) Att: 5,257

**Groningen 1** (Boussaboun 37)
**Heerenveen 1** (Nurmela 31) Att: 13,000

**NEC 2** (Ax 24, Tumba 50)
**Twente 0** Att: 10,000

### Wednesday, October 24

**Heerenveen 5** (Allback 45, 79, G De Nooijer 69, 86, Denneboom 72)
**Ajax 1** (Van der Vaart 18) Att: 14,110

### Friday, October 26

**Roda JC 0**
**NEC 0** Att: 12,500

### Saturday, October 27

**AZ 3** (El Khattabi 37, 65, Perez 82)
**Fortuna 0** Att: 6,645

**Heerenveen 1** (Allback 18)
**De Graafschap 0** Att: 14,200

**PSV 2** (Rommedahl 19, Kezman 81)
**RKC 0** Att: 31,000

**Twente 0**
**Vitesse 0** Att: 12,800

### Sunday, October 28

**Ajax 4** (Van der Vaart 18, O'Brien 71, Machlas 80, Knopper 88)
**Willem II 1** (Caluwe 45) Att: 37,562

**Feyenoord 4** (Van Hooijdonk 38, 78, 89, Elmander 68)
**Utrecht 0** Att: 40,000

**Groningen 2** (Elshot 80, Tuhuteru 90)
**Den Bosch 0** Att: 11,783

### Tuesday, October 30

**Sparta 2** (Koevermans 45, Zijm 90)
**NAC 3** (Stewart 13, 23, Sergio 56) Att: 6,913

### Friday, November 2

**Willem II 1** (Bombarda 68)
**Vitesse 1** (Amoah 90) Att: 13,900

### Saturday, November 3

**Fortuna 1** (Volmer 40)
**Heerenveen 0** Att: 7,000

**NEC 1** (Schuurman 55)
**AZ 0** Att: 9,000

**RKC 3** (Janssen 25, 57, Molhoek 32)
**Den Bosch 3** (Uneken 14, Van der Hoorn 71, Mghizrat 85) Att: 6,500

**Sparta 2** (Winter 17, Koevermans 62)
**PSV 1** (Kezman 7) Att: 7,992

### Sunday, November 4

**De Graafschap 1** (Meerdink 76)
**Ajax 1** (Wamberto 77) Att: 10,990

**NAC 2** (Cristiano 5, Sergio 24)
**Feyenoord 1** (Tomasson 51) Att: 15,124

**Roda JC 3** (Soetaers 25, Anastasiou pen 53, 83)
**Groningen 1** (Broerse 43) Att: 14,500

**Utrecht 1** (Kuijt 69)
**Twente 1** (De Gier 1) Att: 12,500

**HOLLAND**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajax | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 10 | 26 |
| Vitesse | 12 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 23 |
| Feyenoord | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 5 | 22 |
| Heerenveen | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 10 | 21 |
| NAC | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 20 | 18 |
| NEC | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 18 |
| PSV | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 18 | 17 |
| Willem II | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 17 |
| Utrecht | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| AZ | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| RKC | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| De Graafschap | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 19 | 14 |
| Den Bosch | 12 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 15 | 16 | 13 |
| Sparta | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 25 | 13 |
| Roda JC | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 18 | 11 |
| Twente | 11 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| Groningen | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 11 |
| Fortuna | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 20 | 8 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 9 | Rafael Van der Vaart (Ajax) |
| 8 | Marcus Allback (Heerenveen) |
| 8 | Jon Dahl Tomasson (Feyenoord) |
| 7 | Pierre Van Hooijdonk (Feyenoord) |

## HUNGARY

**Oct 13:** Debrecen 1 Gyor 1; Zalaegerszeg 2 Ferencvaros 0; MTK 1 Vasas 0; Kispest-Honved 5 Haladas 1; Matav 1 Videoton 4.
**Oct 14:** Ujpest 0 Dunaferr 2.
**Oct 19:** Gyor 1 MTK 1.
**Oct 20:** Dunaferr 2 Matav 0; Haladas 2 Ujpest 2; Vasas 1 Zalaegerszeg 2; Videoton 3 Debrecen 1.
**Oct 21:** Ferencvaros 0 Kispest-Honved 2.
**Oct 23:** MTK 1 Debrecen 0.
**Oct 24:** Zalaegerszeg 4 Gyor 0; Kispest-Honved 0 Vasas 2; Ujpest 2 Ferencvaros 2; Matav 1 Haladas 1; Videoton 2 Dunaferr 1.
**Oct 27:** Debrecen 2 Dunaferr 2; Haladas 0 Videoton 0; Vasas 0 Ujpest 2; Gyor 2 Kispest-Honved 1; MTK 2 Zalaegerszeg 1.
**Nov 2:** Ujpest 2 Gyor 1.
**Nov 3:** Matav 2 Vasas 1; Videoton 2 Ferencvaros 2; Kispest-Honved 0 MTK 1; Zalaegerszeg 3 Debrecen 1.
**Nov 4:** Dunaferr 2 Haladas 2.

**HUNGARY**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MTK | 16 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 34 | 9 | 41 |
| Zalaegerszeg | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 31 | 20 | 31 |
| Videoton | 16 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 17 | 29 |
| Ujpest | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 33 | 25 | 25 |
| Dunaferr | 16 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 23 |
| Ferencvaros | 15 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 23 | 19 | 23 |
| Haladas | 16 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 19 | 29 | 19 |
| Debrecen | 16 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 18 |
| Matav | 15 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 21 | 27 | 17 |
| Kispest-Honved | 16 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 20 | 32 | 15 |
| Gyor | 16 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 18 | 29 | 12 |
| Vasas | 16 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 17 | 31 | 10 |

## ICELAND

**ICELAND – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| IA | 18 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 16 | 36 |
| IBV | 18 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 15 | 36 |
| FH | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 23 | 16 | 32 |
| Grindavik | 18 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 27 | 29 | 27 |
| Fylkir | 18 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 26 | 23 | 25 |
| Keflavik | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 27 | 30 | 23 |
| KR | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 20 | 22 |
| Fram | 18 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 28 | 28 | 20 |
| Valur | 18 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 26 | 19 |
| Breidablik | 18 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 17 | 32 | 14 |

*Relegated: Valur, Breidablik*
*Promoted: Thor Akureyri, KA*

### ICELANDIC CUP – FINAL

*Sep 29 - Laugardalsvollur national stadium, Reykjavik*
**Fylkir 2** (Sverrisson 48, Stigsson 69)
**KA 2** (Hringsson 33, pen 56)
*Aet.* **HT:** 0-1. **90mins:** 2-2. **Att:** 2,839. **Ref:** Orrason
*Fylkir 5-4 on pens*

## ITALY

### Saturday, October 13

**Lazio 2** (Claudio Lopez 42, Fernando Couto 71)
**Atalanta 0** Att: 36,368

**Perugia 0**
**Roma 0** Att: 21,536

### Sunday, October 14

**Brescia 2** (Baggio pen 61, Sussi 82)
**Chievo 2** (Marazzina 11, Cossato 76) Att: 15,447

**Juventus 3** (Del Piero 9, 25, Tudor 11)
**Torino 3** (Lucarelli 57, Ferrante pen 70, Maspero 82) Att: 29,239

**Lecce 4** (Vugrinec 3, Giacomazzi 11, Vucinic 88, Chevanton 90)
**Fiorentina 1** (Mijatovic 12) Att: 13,798

**Milan 1** (Shevchenko 41)
**Venezia 1** (Maniero 61) Att: 52,192

**Parma 2** (Di Vaio 40, Djetou 79)
**Piacenza 2** (Hubner 50, 73) Att: 15,515

**Udinese 1** (Di Michele pen 88)
**Inter 1** (Ventola 61) Att: 19,466

**Verona 0**
**Bologna 1** (Fresi 33) Att: 16,278

### Saturday, October 20

**Bologna 0**
**Juventus 0** Att: 35,756

### Sunday, October 21

**Atalanta 1** (Doni 57)
**Udinese 5** (Jorgensen 5, 62, Iaquinta 77, Muzzi 81, pen 86) Att: 14,302

**Chievo 1** (Corradi 24)
**Parma 0** Att: 12,854

**Fiorentina 0**
**Verona 2** (Oddo pen 43, Mutu 57) Att: 17,251

**Inter 2** (Ventola 13, Kallon 90)
**Milan 4** (Shevchenko 60, 77, Contra 62, Inzaghi 66) Att: 78,324

**Piacenza 0**
**Brescia 1** (Baggio 19) Att: 9,018

**Roma 5** (Totti 8, pen 78, Samuel 38, Candela 70, Batistuta 86)
**Lecce 1** (Chevanton 64) Att: 57,107

**Torino 1** (Ferrante 26)
**Perugia 0** Att: 14,717

**Venezia 0**
**Lazio 0** Att: 8,193

### Saturday, October 27

**Juventus 0**
**Inter 0** Att: 53,661

**Roma 2** (Delvecchio 49, Totti 90)
**Lazio 0** Att: 76,248

### Sunday, October 28

**Brescia 3** (Baggio pen 50, Toni 63, 80)
**Venezia 2** (Magailanes 56, Maniero pen 86) Att: 15,572

**Chievo 3** (Marazzina 31, Manfredini 50, Eriberto 81)
**Torino 0** Att: 16,521

**Lecce 0**
**Atalanta 2** (Rossini 4, Doni 81) Att: 12,568

**Milan 0**
**Bologna 0** Att: 56,421

**Parma 2** (Di Vaio 56, Bonazzoli 88)
**Verona 2** (Frick 19, Mutu 44) Att: 16,313

**Perugia 1** (Tedesco 71)
**Piacenza 0** Att: 6,253

**Udinese 1** (Muzzi pen 31)
**Fiorentina 2** (Amoroso 74, Baronio 84) Att: 14,385

### Saturday, November 3

**Venezia 0**
**Chievo 0** Att: 11,000

### Sunday, November 4

**Atalanta 1** (Doni pen 74)
**Roma 1** (Assuncao 53) Att: 25,000

**Bologna 3** (Fresi 13, 18, Zauli 32)
**Fiorentina 2** (Ganz 15, Vanoli 26) Att: 25,000

**Inter 2** (Kallon 36, Di Biagio 43)
**Lecce 0** Att: 60,000

**Lazio 5** (Crespo 6, 32, 77, Inzaghi 39, Stankovic 62)
**Brescia 0** Att: 40,000

**Parma 2** (Di Vaio 19, 90)
**Perugia 1** (Vryzas 68) Att: 16,000

**Piacenza 1** (Hubner pen 56)
**Udinese 2** (Di Michele 24, Muzzi pen 59) Att: 7,000

**Torino 1** (Lucarelli 27)
**Milan 0** Att: 30,000

**Verona 2** (L Colucci 9, Camoranesi 62)
**Juventus 2** (Tudor 77, Trezeguet 90) Att: 26,000

**ITALY**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chievo | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 8 | 20 |
| Inter | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 9 | 18 |
| Bologna | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 17 |
| Roma | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 7 | 16 |
| Milan | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 15 |
| Juventus | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 14 |
| Verona | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 13 |
| Brescia | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 17 | 13 |
| Udinese | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 12 |
| Lazio | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 11 |
| Parma | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Perugia | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 9 |
| Lecce | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 9 |
| Torino | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 15 | 9 |
| Fiorentina | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 21 | 9 |
| Piacenza | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 8 |
| Atalanta | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 8 |
| Venezia | 9 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 3 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**
8 Roberto Baggio (Brescia)
8 Dario Hubner (Piacenza)
8 Roberto Muzzi (Udinese)
7 Andrii Shevchenko (Milan)
6 Mohamed Kallon (Inter)

## NORWAY

**Oct 9:** Lillestrom 3 Odd Grenland 3.
**Oct 12:** Brann 0 Viking 1.
**Oct 13:** Lillestrom 1 Rosenborg 2.
**Oct 14:** Lyn 0 Moss 2; Odd Grenland 0 Tromso 0; Sogndal 1 Bryne 4; Stabaek 0 Molde 1; Stromsgodset 1 Bodo/Glimt 4.
**Oct 20:** Rosenborg 0 Stabaek 1.
**Oct 21:** Bryne 1 Odd Grenland 3; Molde 0 Brann 3; Moss 0 Lillestrom 2; Stromsgodset 2 Sogndal 2; Tromso 2 Lyn 3; Bodo/Glimt 2 Viking 1.
**Oct 28:** Brann 2 Rosenborg 6; Lillestrom 3 Tromso 1; Lyn 1 Bryne 3; Odd Grenland 4 Stromsgodset 2; Sogndal 3 Bodo/Glimt 2; Stabaek 2 Moss 1; Viking 1 Molde 1.

**NORWAY – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rosenborg | 26 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 71 | 30 | 57 |
| Lillestrom | 26 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 64 | 33 | 56 |
| Viking | 26 | 14 | 7 | 5 | 43 | 29 | 49 |
| Stabaek | 26 | 14 | 3 | 9 | 45 | 39 | 45 |
| Molde | 26 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 54 | 41 | 44 |
| Odd Grenland | 26 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 50 | 40 | 42 |
| Brann | 26 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 63 | 48 | 41 |
| Sogndal | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 45 | 61 | 32 |
| Bodo/Glimt | 26 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 45 | 47 | 29 |
| Moss | 26 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 35 | 48 | 29 |
| Lyn | 26 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 40 | 49 | 26 |
| Bryne | 26 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 33 | 61 | 22 |
| Stromsgodset | 26 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 40 | 73 | 19 |
| Tromso | 26 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 23 | 52 | 16 |

*Relegated: Stromsgodset, Tromso*
*Promoted: Valerenga, Start*

## POLAND

### Group A

**Oct 13:** Widzew 1 Odra 2; Polonia 2 KSZO 0.
**Oct 14:** Wisla 2 Gornik 1; Zaglebie 2 Katowice 2.
**Oct 20:** KSZO 1 Katowice 0; Gornik 1 Widzew 1; Polonia 4 Zaglebie 0.
**Oct 21:** Odra 1 Wisla 0.
**Oct 26:** Zaglebie 3 Wisla 4; Katowice 1 Gornik 0.
**Oct 27:** Odra 3 Polonia 0; Widzew 0 KSZO 0.
**Nov 3:** KSZO 0 Odra 3; Polonia 3 Widzew 0; Gornik 2 Zaglebie 2; Wisla 3 Katowice 0.

### Group B

**Oct 12:** Amica 1 Slask 1.
**Oct 13:** Groclin 2 Legia 3; Pogon 3 Stomil 0; Ruch Chorzow 1 RKS 0.
**Oct 19:** Ruch Chorzow 3 Groclin 0.
**Oct 20:** Stomil 0 Amica 0; Slask 0 Pogon 4.
**Oct 21:** RKS 0 Legia 0.
**Oct 27:** Groclin 2 Pogon 0; Slask 1 Ruch Chorzow 0; Legia 2 Stomil 0; Amica 5 RKS 0.
**Nov 3:** Ruch Chorzow 2 Amica 2; Stomil 0 Groclin 0; Pogon 0 Legia 3; RKS 1 Slask 0.

**POLAND: GROUP A – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Odra | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 28 | 14 | 31 |
| Wisla | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 28 | 15 | 28 |
| Polonia | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 13 | 25 |
| Zaglebie | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 23 | 28 | 18 |
| Katowice | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 18 |
| KSZO | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 18 | 15 |
| Gornik | 14 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 22 | 11 |
| Widzew | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 24 | 11 |

**POLAND: GROUP B – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Legia | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 14 | 27 |
| Amica | 14 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 26 | 16 | 24 |
| Pogon | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 16 | 24 |
| Ruch Chorzow | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 19 |
| Slask | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 21 | 25 | 18 |
| RKS | 14 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 16 |
| Groclin | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 18 | 23 | 15 |
| Stomil | 14 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 24 | 10 |

*Top four from each group qualify for championship pool; bottom four go into relegation pool*

## PORTUGAL

### Friday, October 12

**Guimaraes 2** (Ceara 33, Romeu 37)
**Boavista 0**

### Saturday, October 13

**FC Porto 3** (Clayton 15, Pena 43, Capucho 87)
**Salgueiros 0**

**Santa Clara 1** (Brandao 60)
**Pacos Ferreira 1** (Ze Manuel 63)

**Sporting Braga 2** (Ricardo Rocha 52, Barroso 73)
**Sporting Lisbon 1** (Jardel 56)

**Uniao Leiria 1** (Derlei 42)
**Benfica 1** (Mawete Junior 46)

### Sunday, October 14

**Alverca 1** (Caju 52)
**Setubal 1** (Hugo Henrique 20)

**Farense 2** (Quim og 14, Carlos Costa 90)
**Maritimo 1** (Kenedy 68)

**Gil Vicente 1** (Ricardo Nascimento 38)
**Varzim 0**

### Monday, October 15

**Belenenses 1** (Jose Alfonso 64)
**Beira Mar 5** (Fary 30, 48, 59, 72, Cristiano 42)

### Friday, October 19

**Maritimo 2** (Quim 50, 76)
**Guimaraes 0**

### Saturday, October 20

**Benfica 2** (Mawete Junior 49, Fernando Meira 78)
**Gil Vicente 0**

**Boavista 3** (Alexandre 14, Silva 70, Martelinho 74)
**Sporting Braga 0**

**FC Porto 1** (Pena 83)
**Belenenses 2** (Filgueira 35, Jose Alfonso 57)

### Sunday, October 21

**Beira Mar 6** (Rui Dolores 65, Fary 67, Marcelinho 84, Juninho Petrolina 87, Demetrios 89, 90)
**Alverca 2** (Anderson 40, Gaspar 71)

**Salgueiros 3** (Joao Pedro 33, Marco Claudio 40, Nandinho 72)
**Pacos Ferreira 2** (Leonardo 58, Ze Manuel 70)

**Setubal 1** (Hugo Henrique 19)
**Uniao Leiria 1** (Duah 23)

**Varzim 2** (Vinicius 41, 80)
**Farense 0**

### Monday, October 22

**Sporting Lisbon 0**
**Santa Clara 0**

### Friday, October 26

**Farense 0**
**Benfica 2** (Miguel 36, Simao 90)

### Saturday, October 27

**Guimaraes 4** (Fangueiro pen 21, 64, 73, Ceara 36)
**Varzim 0**

**Pacos Ferreira 0**
**Sporting Lisbon 6** (Beto 22, Sa Pinto 31, Jardel 44, 45, Niculae 54, 60)

**Sporting Braga 1** (Barata 23)
**Maritimo 0**

### Sunday, October 28

**Alverca 0**
**FC Porto 1** (Capucho 80)

**Gil Vicente 2** (Carlos 15, Luis Loureiro 34)
**Setubal 1** (Rui Miguel 77)

**Uniao Leiria 4** (Derlei 26, Jacques 68, 79, Silas 71)
**Beira Mar 1** (Fary 23)

### Monday, October 29

**Belenenses 1** (Jose Alfonso 82)
**Salgueiros 0**

### Friday, November 2

**Varzim 0**
**Sporting Braga 0**

### Saturday, November 3

**Benfica 0**
**Guimaraes 0**

**Setubal 2** (Rui Miguel 17, Carlos Costa og 80)
**Farense 0**

### Sunday, November 4

**Beira Mar 2** (Luis Manuel 24, Demetrios 89)
**Gil Vicente 2** (Paulo Alves 13, 66)

**Belenenses 1** (Marcao 51)
**Alverca 1** (Anderson 41)

**Maritimo 1** (Vieira og 10)
**Santa Clara 0**

**FC Porto 2** (Pena 55, Deco 72)
**Uniao Leiria 1** (Silas 26)

### Monday, November 5

**Salgueiros 1** (Joao Pedro 25)
**Sporting Lisbon 5** (Joao Pinto 4, Jardel 69, 81, Niculae 76, Quaresma 90)

### Tuesday, November 6

**Boavista 5** (Silva 29, Erivan 65, Serginho 75, Marcio 87, 88)
**Pacos Ferreira 0**

**PORTUGAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boavista | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 8 | 25 |
| FC Porto | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 8 | 22 |
| Benfica | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 19 | 11 | 21 |
| Sporting Lisbon | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 10 | 20 |
| Maritimo | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 12 | 18 |
| Belenenses | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 15 | 17 |
| Guimaraes | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 17 |
| Beira Mar | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 21 | 16 |
| Sporting Braga | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 9 | 15 |
| Gil Vicente | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 15 |
| Setubal | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 15 | 14 |
| Uniao Leiria | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 12 | 14 |
| Alverca | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 23 | 11 |
| Farense | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 11 |
| Santa Clara | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 10 |
| Salgueiros | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 23 | 10 |
| Varzim | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 22 | 9 |
| Pacos Ferreira | 11 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 22 | 8 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**
12 Mario Jardel (Sporting Lisbon)
11 Fary Faye (Beira Mar)
7 Marius Niculae (Sporting Lisbon)

## ROMANIA

**Oct 13:** Otelul 0 Petrolul 0; Arges 1 Brasov 0; U Craiova 0 Dinamo 2; Bacau 3 Farul 0; National 3 UM Timisoara 0; Astra 0 Sportul 0.
**Oct 14:** Steaua 1 Ceahlaul 0; Gloria 0 Rapid 1.
**Oct 20:** Brasov 4 Petrolul 1; Ceahlaul 2 Arges 0; UM Timisoara 4 Gloria 1; Farul 5 U Craiova 3; Sportul 1 Bacau 3; Astra 0 Otelul 0.
**Oct 21:** Dinamo 0 National 0; Rapid 3 Steaua 0.
**Oct 27:** Otelul 3 Brasov 0; Petrolul 3 Ceahlaul 0; Arges 1 Rapid 0; National 2 Farul 0; Bacau 2 Astra 1; U Craiova 3 Sportul 0.
**Oct 28:** Gloria 1 Dinamo 2; Steaua 1 UM Timisoara 0.
**Nov 2:** Sportul 0 National 1.
**Nov 3:** Ceahlaul 1 Brasov 0; Rapid 4 Petrolul 1; UM Timisoara 1 Arges 1; Dinamo 2 Steaua 0; Farul 1 Gloria 0; Bacau 1 Otelul 0.
**Nov 4:** Astra 2 U Craiova 2.

**ROMANIA**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rapid | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 8 | 27 |
| Dinamo | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 29 | 13 | 25 |
| National | 12 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 8 | 23 |
| Steaua | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 14 | 22 |
| Bacau | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 13 | 20 |
| Farul | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 18 |
| Otelul | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 16 |
| U Craiova | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 18 | 16 |
| Gloria | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 17 | 16 |
| Brasov | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 15 |
| Ceahlaul | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 17 | 14 |
| Astra | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 12 |
| Petrolul | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 21 | 12 |
| Arges | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 19 | 12 |
| Sportul | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 23 | 10 |
| UM Timisoara | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 24 | 6 |

## RUSSIA

**Oct 9:** Rostselmash 5 Torpedo M 2; CSKA 5 Fakel 1; Saturn 6 Dinamo 1; Torpedo-ZIL 1 Kryliya Sovetov 0; Rotor 3 Alaniya 0; Sokol 0 Zenit 1; Chernomorets 2 Lokomotiv M 1.
**Oct 12:** Zenit 0 Lokomotiv M 0.
**Oct 13:** Kryliya Sovetov 1 Spartak 2.
**Oct 20:** Spartak 2 Anzhi 1.
**Oct 21:** CSKA 2 Chernomorets 1; Zenit 2 Rotor 1; Alaniya 0 Saturn 5; Torpedo M 3 Fakel 1.
**Oct 22:** Kryliya Sovetov 3 Dinamo 0.
**Oct 27:** Chernomorets 1 Sokol 3; Spartak 3 Zenit 1; Rotor 1 Lokomotiv M 3; Rostselmash 3 Anzhi 2; Torpedo-ZIL 1 Alaniya 1; Saturn 0 Torpedo M 1; Fakel 1 Kryliya Sovetov 0; Dinamo 3 CSKA 1.
**Nov 4:** Lokomotiv M 0 Rostselmash 0; Anzhi 0 Torpedo-ZIL 2; Spartak 2 Torpedo M 2.
**Nov 8:** Zenit 2 Chernomorets 1; Anzhi 0 Rotor 0; Alaniya 3 Rostselmash 0; Lokomotiv M 2 Spartak 1; Kryliya Sovetov 2 Saturn 0; Dinamo 6 Fakel 2; Torpedo M 1 Torpedo-ZIL 0; Sokol 0 CSKA 2.

**RUSSIA – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spartak | 30 | 17 | 9 | 4 | 56 | 30 | 60 |
| Lokomotiv M | 30 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 53 | 24 | 56 |
| Zenit | 30 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 52 | 35 | 56 |
| Torpedo M | 30 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 53 | 42 | 52 |
| Kryliya Sovetov | 30 | 14 | 7 | 9 | 38 | 23 | 49 |
| Saturn | 30 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 45 | 22 | 47 |
| CSKA | 30 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 39 | 30 | 47 |
| Sokol | 30 | 12 | 5 | 13 | 31 | 42 | 41 |
| Dinamo | 30 | 10 | 8 | 12 | 43 | 51 | 38 |
| Rotor | 30 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 38 | 42 | 32 |
| Alaniya | 30 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 31 | 47 | 32 |
| Rostselmash | 30 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 29 | 43 | 32 |
| Anzhi | 30 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 28 | 34 | 32 |
| Torpedo-ZIL | 30 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 22 | 35 | 31 |
| Fakel | 30 | 8 | 4 | 18 | 30 | 53 | 28 |
| Chernomorets | 30 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 19 | 54 | 23 |

*Relegated: Fakel, Chernomorets*
*Promoted: Shinnik, Uralan*

## SCOTLAND

### Saturday, October 13

**Dundee Utd 3** (Hamilton 65, 71, Griffin 84)
**Hibernian 1** (Brebner 4) Att: 7,950

**Dunfermline 1** (Hamilton 27)
**Dundee 0** Att: 5,094

**Hearts 3** (Juanjo 26, 61, Adam 37)
**St Johnstone 0** Att: 10,735

**Livingston 2** (Wilson pen 14, Tosh 52)
**Aberdeen 2** (Mackie 59, 70) Att: 6,393

**Motherwell 1** (Strong 68)
**Celtic 2** (Moravcik 14, Larsson pen 89) Att: 9,922

**Rangers 3** (Arveladze 9, Caniggia 40, Flo 53)
**Kilmarnock 1** (Calderon 66) Att: 49,379

### Saturday, October 20

**Aberdeen 3** (Winters 21, pen 41, Solberg 24)
**Dunfermline 2** (Crawford 68, De Gier 78) Att: 11,195

**Celtic 5** (Hartson 7, 60, 83, Balde 45, Maloney 86)
**Dundee Utd 1** (McIntyre 76) Att: 59,900

**Kilmarnock 1** (Santini og 5)
**Livingston 5** (Bingham 8, Andrews 20, Fernandez 68, Xausa 78, Aurelio pen 90) Att: 7,346

### Sunday, October 21

**Hibernian 2** (De la Cruz 1, 24)
**Hearts 1** (Simmons 66) Att: 13,774

**St Johnstone 0**
**Rangers 2** (Arveladze 48, Flo 69) Att: 8,331

### Saturday, October 27

**Aberdeen 3** (Dadi 18, Winters pen 33, Derek Young 67)
**Hearts 2** (Fulton 17, Adam 47) Att: 13,850

**Celtic 1** (Valgaeren 90)
**Kilmarnock 0** Att: 58,897

**Dundee Utd 1** (Easton 23)
**Motherwell 1** (Kelly 50) Att: 6,343

**Dunfermline 2** (De Gier 63, 77)
**St Johnstone 1** (Hartley 4) Att: 4,494

**Hibernian 1** (Brebner 45)
**Dundee 2** (Rae 19, Milne 90) Att: 11,130

**Livingston 0**
**Rangers 2** (Reyna 24, 59) Att: 10,112

### Tuesday, October 30

**Dundee 3** (Sara 31, Ketsbaia 54, Caballero 61)
**Motherwell 1** (Ready 45) Att: 6,836

### Saturday, November 3

**Dundee 1** (Carranza pen 41)
**Dundee Utd 1** (Miller 11) Att: 11,751

**Hearts 1** (McKenna 76)
**Livingston 3** (Fernandez 21, 26, Wilson 72) Att: 12,173

**Kilmarnock 0**
**Hibernian 0** Att: 7,460

**Motherwell 1** (Strong 16)
**Dunfermline 0** Att: 4,578

**St Johnstone 1** (Dods 26)
**Celtic 2** (Dods og 20, Larsson 90) Att: 9,031

### Sunday, November 4

**Rangers 2** (Flo 4, 20)
**Aberdeen 0** Att: 49,739

**SCOTLAND**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Celtic | 13 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 5 | 37 |
| Rangers | 13 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 31 | 9 | 30 |
| Livingston | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 19 | 11 | 23 |
| Aberdeen | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 21 | 20 |
| Hibernian | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 24 | 19 | 18 |
| Dundee | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 21 | 18 |
| Dundee Utd | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 25 | 16 |
| Kilmarnock | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 18 | 15 |
| Hearts | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 20 | 13 |
| Motherwell | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 25 | 13 |
| Dunfermline | 13 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 12 |
| St Johnstone | 13 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 28 | 3 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**
11 Tore Andre Flo (Rangers)
9 Henrik Larsson (Celtic)
5 Jack De Gier (Dunfermline)
5 David Kelly (Motherwell)
5 Jim McIntyre (Dundee Utd)
5 Robbie Winters (Aberdeen)
5 Hicham Zerouali (Aberdeen)

## SPAIN

### Saturday, October 13

**Alaves 0**
**Real Madrid 0** Att: 15,617

**Sevilla 2** (Gallardo 27, Olivera pen 32)
**Mallorca 2** (Campano 7, Engonga pen 29) Att: 30,000

**Zaragoza 1** (Yordi 69)
**Deportivo La Coruna 2** (Diego Tristan 13, 55) Att: 25,000

### Sunday, October 14

**Athletic Bilbao 1** (Urzaiz 60)
**Valladolid 4** (Tote 36, 43, 76, Blanco 75) Att: 28,000

**Barcelona 2** (Saviola 42, Gabri 74)
**Valencia 2** (Salva 25, Marchena 72) Att: 90,000

**Celta Vigo 3** (Gustavo Lopez 13, Catanha 29, Mostovoi 89)
**Betis 1** (Calado 90) Att: 20,000

**Las Palmas 2** (Jorge 73, Tevenet pen 80)
**Espanyol 0** Att: 14,835

**Osasuna 0**
**Tenerife 2** (Pablo Paz 68, Ivan Ania 70) Att: 16,861

**Rayo Vallecano 2** (Pablo Sanz 20, Luis Cembranos 54)
**Real Sociedad 1** (Gabilondo 36) Att: 11,500

**Villarreal 1** (Victor 1)
**Malaga 2** (Dely Valdes 31, Dario Silva 79) Att: 17,000

### Saturday, October 20

**Betis 1** (Joaquin 58)
**Villarreal 1** (Palermo 19) Att: 35,000

**Deportivo La Coruna 1** (Diego Tristan 26)
**Sevilla 0** Att: 26,000

**Las Palmas 1** (Tevenet 81)
**Athletic Bilbao 1** (Etxeberria 47) Att: 16,000

**Malaga 1** (Dario Silva 75)
**Barcelona 1** (Rivaldo 77) Att: 30,000

**Real Sociedad 2** (Jankauskas 59, De Pedro 86)
**Osasuna 1** (Alfredo 1) Att: 24,000

### Sunday, October 21

**Espanyol 2** (Posse 5, Tamudo 19)
**Tenerife 0** Att: 21,100

**Mallorca 3** (Novo 6, Luque 73, Paunovic 80)
**Rayo Vallecano 0** Att: 18,600

**Real Madrid 1** (Guti 26)
**Celta Vigo 1** (Catanha 9) Att: 70,144

**Valencia 2** (Kily Gonzalez 31, 79)
**Zaragoza 0** Att: 40,000

**Valladolid 1** (Luis Garcia pen 56)
**Alaves 3** (Coloccini 20, 48, Ruben Navarro 22) Att: 11,500

### Saturday, October 27

**Barcelona 3** (Saviola 9, Rivaldo 49, 59)
**Betis 0** Att: 80,000

**Osasuna 4** (Aloisi 11, Punal 31, Gancedo 66, Ivan Rosado 82)
**Mallorca 0** Att: 15,950

**Rayo Vallecano 2** (Bolic 47, Glaucio 70)
**Deportivo La Coruna 1** (Pandiani 65) Att: 11,000

**Tenerife 0**
**Real Sociedad 1** (Luiz Alberto 2) Att: 10,000

**Villarreal 2** (Victor 30, Calleja 65)
**Real Madrid 3** (Figo pen 63, Munitis 83, Raul 87) Att: 20,000

### Sunday, October 28

**Alaves 1** (Coloccini 32)
**Las Palmas 0** Att: 13,246

**Athletic Bilbao 1** (Larrazabal pen 16)
**Espanyol 1** (Palencia 67) Att: 28,000

**Celta Vigo 1** (Mostovoi 89)
**Valladolid 1** (Tote 50) Att: 21,000

**Sevilla 1** (Moises 46)
**Valencia 1** (Albelda 20) Att: 35,000

**Zaragoza 0**
**Malaga 2** (Musampa 8, 51) Att: 25,000

### Saturday, November 3

**Athletic Bilbao 2** (Tiko 17, Urzaiz 23)
**Alaves 1** (Magno 58) Att: 40,000

### Sunday, November 4

**Betis 0**
**Zaragoza 1** (Aguado 59) Att: 22,000

**Deportivo La Coruna 5** (Diego Tristan 18, 26, Donato 37, Amavisca 39, Makaay 67)
**Osasuna 1** (Aloisi 8) Att: 28,000

**Espanyol 1** (Ivan Diaz 29)
**Real Sociedad 2** (Jankauskas 35, De Pedro 70) Att: 18,000

**Las Palmas 4** (Schurrer 1, Tevenet pen 30, Ruben 37, 90)
**Celta Vigo 2** (Jesuli 21, Mostovoi pen 60) Att: 15,000

**Malaga 1** (Musampa pen 39)
**Sevilla 3** (Pablo Alfaro 5, Toedtli pen 56, Casquero 61) Att: 20,000

**Mallorca 2** (Eto'o pen 33, Miquel Soler 90)
**Tenerife 0** Att: 14,000

**Real Madrid 2** (Morientes 23, Figo 90)
**Barcelona 0** Att: 75,000

**Valencia 2** (Salva 22, Sanchez 87)
**Rayo Vallecano 1** (Peragon pen 39) Att: 47,000

**Valladolid 1** (Tote 18)
**Villarreal 0** Att: 11,000

**SPAIN**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dep La Coruna | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 23 |
| Valencia | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 21 |
| Barcelona | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 9 | 19 |
| Celta Vigo | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 12 | 18 |
| Alaves | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 18 |
| Betis | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 12 | 17 |
| Real Madrid | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 16 |
| Sevilla | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 16 |
| Athletic Bilbao | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Valladolid | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 15 |
| Las Palmas | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 10 | 14 |
| Villarreal | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 14 |
| Zaragoza | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 14 |
| Espanyol | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 18 | 14 |
| Osasuna | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 16 | 14 |
| Malaga | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 13 |
| Real Sociedad | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 11 |
| Mallorca | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 11 |
| Tenerife | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 10 |
| Rayo Vallecano | 11 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 11 | 21 | 7 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**
7 Diego Tristan (Deportivo La Coruna)
6 Catanha (Celta Vigo)
6 Nicolas Olivera (Sevilla)
6 Tote (Valladolid)
5 Alexander Mostovoi (Celta Vigo)
5 Kiki Musampa (Malaga)
5 Ismael Urzaiz (Athletic Bilbao)

## SWEDEN

**Oct 10:** Helsingborgs 1 Halmstads 0.
**Oct 14:** Halmstads 0 Djurgardens 0; Helsingborgs 0 Norrkoping 1; Orgryte 2 Hacken 0.
**Oct 15:** AIK 5 Hammarby 2; Sundsvall 1 IFK Gothenburg 0; Elfsborg 2 Trelleborgs 0; Malmo 1 Orebro 3.
**Oct 21:** Hammarby 3 Orgryte 2; Hacken 2 Sundsvall 1; Norrkoping 5 Trelleborgs 0.
**Oct 22:** Djurgardens 3 Helsingborgs 2; Malmo 3 Elfsborg 1; Orebro 1 AIK 2.
**Oct 23:** IFK Gothenburg 2 Halmstads 1.
**Oct 27:** AIK 2 Malmo 0; Sundsvall 1 Hammarby 0; Halmstads 2 Hacken 2; Helsingborgs 3 IFK Gothenburg 0; Elfsborg 1 Norrkoping 0; Trelleborgs 0 Djurgardens 3; Orgryte 1 Orebro 0.

**SWEDEN – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hammarby | 26 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 45 | 28 | 48 |
| Djurgardens | 26 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 36 | 24 | 47 |
| AIK | 26 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 45 | 29 | 45 |
| IFK Gothenburg | 26 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 41 | 31 | 44 |
| Helsingborgs | 26 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 47 | 29 | 42 |
| Orgryte | 26 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 36 | 33 | 39 |
| Halmstads | 26 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 50 | 31 | 38 |
| Orebro | 26 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 48 | 44 | 33 |
| Malmo | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 39 | 46 | 32 |
| Elfsborg | 26 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 31 | 51 | 30 |
| Sundsvall | 26 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 29 |
| Norrkoping | 26 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 29 | 40 | 29 |
| Hacken | 26 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 35 | 50 | 24 |
| Trelleborgs | 26 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 25 | 62 | 14 |

*Relegated: Hacken, Trelleborgs*
*Promoted: Kalmar, Landskrona*

## SWITZERLAND

**Oct 10:** Aarau 2 Sion 2; Basle 2 St Gallen 2; Neuchatel Xamax 1 Servette 3; Young Boys 1 Grasshopper 3; Lugano 5 Lucerne 0; Zurich 1 Lausanne 0.
**Oct 13:** Lucerne 2 Grasshopper 1; Servette 3 Aarau 3; Sion 5 Lugano 0.
**Oct 14:** Lausanne 2 Basle 4; St Gallen 4 Neuchatel Xamax 3; Zurich 0 Young Boys 0.
**Oct 16:** Lucerne 2 Aarau 1.
**Oct 20:** Basle 2 Zurich 1; Young Boys 5 Lucerne 1; Neuchatel Xamax 2 Lausanne 1.
**Oct 21:** Aarau 0 St Gallen 1; Grasshopper 0 Sion 3; Lugano 1 Servette 1.
**Oct 27:** St Gallen 0 Grasshopper 0; Basle 5 Neuchatel Xamax 1; Servette 2 Lucerne 0.
**Oct 28:** Lausanne 1 Lugano 2; Sion 1 Young Boys 0; Zurich 1 Aarau 0.
**Nov 3:** Aarau 2 Lausanne 0; Lucerne 2 Sion 6; Young Boys 2 Basle 2.
**Nov 4:** Grasshopper 3 Servette 0; Lugano 1 St Gallen 1; Neuchatel Xamax 1 Zurich 1.

**SWITZERLAND**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Basle | 18 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 44 | 31 | 34 |
| Sion | 18 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 23 | 30 |
| St Gallen | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 34 | 28 | 30 |
| Servette | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 30 | 23 | 29 |
| Lugano | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 31 | 28 | 29 |
| Grasshopper | 18 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 37 | 26 | 27 |
| Young Boys | 18 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 34 | 25 | 27 |
| Zurich | 18 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 23 | 25 |
| Aarau | 18 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 21 | 24 |
| Neuchatel Xamax | 18 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 24 | 28 | 21 |
| Lucerne | 18 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 20 | 53 | 11 |
| Lausanne | 18 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 42 | 9 |

## TURKEY

**Oct 10:** Samsunspor 2 Besiktas 1; Diyarbakirspor 2 Gaziantepspor 3.
**Oct 12:** Galatasaray 4 Goztepe 1.
**Oct 13:** Ankaragucu 0 Bursaspor 1; Denizlispor 4 Genclerbirligi 1; Kocaelispor 1 Trabzonspor 0; Antalyaspor 2 Malatyaspor 1.
**Oct 14:** Istanbulspor 1 Diyarbakirspor 0; Gaziantepspor 1 Samsunspor 0; Rizespor 1 Fenerbahce 2; Yozgatspor 1 Besiktas 3.
**Oct 19:** Diyarbakirspor 2 Ankaragucu 1.
**Oct 20:** Fenerbahce 3 Antalyaspor 2; Gaziantepspor 1 Malatyaspor 0; Istanbulspor 0 Samsunspor 1; Trabzonspor 2 Yozgatspor 0.
**Oct 21:** Genclerbirligi 2 Rizespor 2; Besiktas 2 Galatasaray 2; Goztepe 1 Denizlispor 1; Bursaspor 2 Kocaelispor 1.
**Oct 26:** Kocaelispor 3 Diyarbakirspor 1.
**Oct 27:** Rizespor 0 Goztepe 0; Yozgatspor 3 Bursaspor 4; Galatasaray 3 Trabzonspor 1; Malatyaspor 1 Fenerbahce 3.
**Oct 28:** Istanbulspor 0 Gaziantepspor 1; Ankaragucu 2 Samsunspor 0; Antalyaspor 2 Genclerbirligi 2; Denizlispor 3 Besiktas 3.
**Nov 2:** Bursaspor 5 Galatasaray 0.
**Nov 3:** Kocaelispor 0 Samsunspor 1; Besiktas 2 Rizespor 1; Genclerbirligi 1 Malatyaspor 2; Istanbulspor 1 Ankaragucu 2.
**Nov 4:** Diyarbakirspor 1 Yozgatspor 1; Gaziantepspor 0 Fenerbahce 2; Goztepe 0 Antalyaspor 0; Trabzonspor 2 Denizlispor 2.

**TURKEY**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Galatasaray | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 15 | 26 |
| Fenerbahce | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 25 |
| Istanbulspor | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 22 |
| Bursaspor | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Besiktas | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 19 | 18 |
| Kocaelispor | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 14 | 18 |
| Gaziantepspor | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 17 |
| Goztepe | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 17 |
| Trabzonspor | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 17 | 14 |
| Samsunspor | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 14 |
| Denizlispor | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 14 | 13 |
| Ankaragucu | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 22 | 13 |
| Antalyaspor | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 25 | 13 |
| Genclerbirligi | 11 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 22 | 24 | 11 |
| Rizespor | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 18 | 10 |
| Diyarbakirspor | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 23 | 9 |
| Yozgatspor | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 9 |
| Malatyaspor | 11 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 26 | 6 |

## UKRAINE

**Oct 9:** Kryvbas 3 Dnipro 3; Karpaty 2 Metalurh M 0; Metalurh D 3 Tavriya 1; CSKA 2 Metalurh Z 0; Metalist 1 Poligraftekhnika 0.
**Oct 11:** Zakarpattya 1 Dynamo 2; Vorskla 1 Shakhtar 1.
**Oct 16:** Shakhtar 1 Dnipro 0.
**Oct 31:** Metalurh Z 0 Shakhtar 3.

**UKRAINE**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shakhtar | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 8 | 32 |
| Dynamo | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 4 | 26 |
| Karpaty | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 14 | 24 |
| Metalurh D | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 11 | 21 |
| Metalist | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 18 | 20 |
| Metalurh Z | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 18 |
| Dnipro | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 17 |
| Metalurh M | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 15 |
| Poligraftekhnika | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 14 |
| Kryvbas | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 26 | 13 |
| CSKA | 11 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 14 | 12 |
| Tavriya | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 11 |
| Zakarpattya | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 15 | 30 | 9 |
| Vorskla | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 6 |

## YUGOSLAVIA

**Oct 12:** Radnicki K 1 Zeleznik 3; Zvezdara 3 Rad 0.
**Oct 13:** Vojvodina 1 Mladost A 1; OFK 0 Sartid 1; Obilic 2 Red Star 2; Sutjeska 0 Cukaricki 1; Partizan 4 Zeta 0; Mladost L 0 Rudar P 1; Hajduk K 2 Zemun 0.
**Oct 19:** Red Star 1 Sutjeska 0.
**Oct 20:** Mladost A 0 Zemun 1; Rudar P 1 Hajduk K 1; Zeta 2 Mladost L 1; Zeleznik 1 Partizan 2; Cukaricki 3 Radnicki K 0; Rad 2 Obilic 3; Sartid 2 Zvezdara 2; Vojvodina 2 OFK 0.
**Oct 26:** Zvezdara 1 Vojvodina 1; Hajduk K 1 Zeta 0.
**Oct 27:** OFK 8 Mladost A 2; Obilic 2 Sartid 0; Sutjeska 1 Rad 1; Radnicki K 0 Red Star 2; Partizan 3 Cukaricki 2; Mladost L 1 Zeleznik 1; Zemun 2 Rudar P 0.
**Nov 2:** Vojvodina 1 Obilic 0; OFK 0 Zvezdara 1.
**Nov 3:** Mladost A 0 Rudar P 0; Zeta 2 Zemun 1; Zeleznik 1 Hajduk K 0; Cukaricki 0 Mladost L 1; Red Star 0 Partizan 0; Rad 3 Radnicki K 0; Sartid 2 Sutjeska 1.

**YUGOSLAVIA**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partizan | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 24 | 11 | 24 |
| Sartid | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 20 |
| Obilic | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 18 |
| Red Star | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 17 |
| Vojvodina | 10 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 16 |
| Zvezdara | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 15 |
| Rad | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 15 |
| Zeleznik | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 14 |
| Zeta | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 14 |
| Zemun | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 13 |
| OFK | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Rudar P | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 12 |
| Hajduk K | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 12 |
| Mladost L | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 11 |
| Cukaricki | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 16 | 8 |
| Sutjeska | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 8 |
| Mladost A | 10 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 20 | 7 |
| Radnicki K | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 20 | 6 |

# SOUTH AMERICA

## LIBERTADORES CUP 2002

### Preliminary rnd

**Sep 26:** Trujillanos (Ven) 1 Caracas (Ven) 0.
**Oct 3:** Atletico Morelia (Mex) 1America (Mex) 3.
**Oct 16:** Trujillanos 0 Atletico Morelia 1.
**Oct 18:** Caracas 3 Atletico Morelia 1.
**Oct 23:** Trujillanos 2 America 1.
**Oct 25:** Caracas 1 America 1.

**LIBERTADORES – PRELIMINARY RND**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trujillanos | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| America | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Caracas | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| At Morelia | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 |

*Top two qualify for 1st rnd*

## ARGENTINA

**Friday, October 19**

**Argentinos Juniors 0**
**Velez Sarsfield 2** (Nanni 17, 73)

**Saturday, October 20**

**Huracan 2** (Morquio 53, Gonzalez 55)
**Nueva Chicago 3** (Gomez 7, Jesus 8, 45)

**Lanus 1** (Galvan 44)
**Independiente 4** (Vuoso 13, Pontiroli og 46, Montenegro 59, Forlan 85)

**Union Santa Fe 2** (Israelevich 58, Zapata 76)
**Estudiantes 2** (Osorio 74, Farias 90)

**Sunday, October 21**

**Chacarita Juniors 2** (Moreno 22, Perez 89)
**Belgrano Cordoba 2** (Goux 31, Brusco pen 35)

**Gimnasia LP 0**
**San Lorenzo 2** (Zurita 44, Acosta 50)

**Racing Club 2** (Milito 15, Maceratesi 75)
**Colon Santa Fe 1** (Graf 48)

**River Plate 2** (Cardetti pen 26, Coudet 88)
**Newell's Old Boys 0**

**Rosario Central 1** (Arias 44)
**Banfield 0**

**Talleres Cordoba 1** (Maidana 55)
**Boca Juniors 0**

**Friday, October 26**

**Independiente 1** (Forlan 29)
**Argentinos Juniors 0**

**Saturday, October 27**

**Newell's Old Boys 2** (Ponzio 30, Rodriguez 76)
**Lanus 0**

**San Lorenzo 3** (Acosta 23, Pusineri 41, 72)
**Chacarita Juniors 3** (Carrario 4, 53, Ramos 74)

**Velez Sarsfield 3** (Morigi 60, F Dominguez 76, Husain 82)
**Rosario Central 1** (Pizzi pen 53)

**Sunday, October 28**

**Banfield 2** (Lujambio 1, pen 76)
**Talleres Cordoba 1** (Maidana pen 71)

**Belgrano Cordoba 0**
**River Plate 2** (Ortega 34, Cardetti 77)

**Boca Juniors 2** (Calvo 64, Cellay og 68)
**Huracan 1** (Godoy 90)

**Colon Santa Fe 1** (Castillo 74)
**Gimnasia LP 2** (Messera 14, Enria 88)

**Estudiantes 2** (Fernandez 15, Loeschbor og 40)
**Racing Club 3** (Estevez 49, 52, Chatruc 72)

**Nueva Chicago 0**
**Union Santa Fe 3** (Mazzoni 27, Frutos 32, 61)

**Thursday, November 1**

**Boca Juniors 3** (Barros Schelotto 26, Delgado 60, Carreno 77)
**Racing Club 1** (Estevez pen 87)

**Friday, November 2**

**Huracan 2** (Morquio 56, 58)
**Banfield 1** (Gonzalez 67)

**Saturday, November 3**

**Rosario Central 1** (Delgado 6)
**Independiente 1** (Pernia 56)

**Talleres Cordoba 2** (Roth 66, La Paglia 69)
**Velez Sarsfield 1** (Morigi 56)

**Sunday, November 4**

**Argentinos Juniors 1** (Cordone 3)
**Newell's Old Boys 2** (Rodriguez 52, Pavlovich 69)

**Chacarita Juniors 1** (Moreno 45)
**Colon Santa Fe 1** (Unali 11)

**Estudiantes 0**
**Nueva Chicago 2** (Jesus 61, 76)

**Lanus 0**
**Belgrano Cordoba 0**

**Racing Club 4** (Estevez 13, Chatruc 32, 58, Maceratesi 61)
**Gimnasia LP 1** (Sanguinetti pen 45)

**River Plate 2** (Cardetti 44, Lopez 77)
**San Lorenzo 2** (Acosta 38, pen 50)

**Union Santa Fe 2** (San Martin 8, Tilger 46)
**Boca Juniors 2** (Carreno 78, Gimenez 85)

**ARGENTINA – OPENING**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Racing Club | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 11 | 32 |
| River Plate | 12 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 29 | 11 | 25 |
| Boca Juniors | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 26 | 16 | 22 |
| Gimnasia LP | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 19 | 21 |
| San Lorenzo | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 15 | 20 |
| Chacarita Jnrs | 12 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 22 | 16 | 19 |
| Independiente | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 14 | 19 |
| Belgrano Cordoba | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 19 |
| Colon Santa Fe | 12 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 16 | 13 | 18 |
| Lanus | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| Nueva Chicago | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 19 | 17 |
| Rosario Central | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 16 |
| Argentinos Jnrs | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 16 |
| Estudiantes | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 19 | 15 |
| Newell's OB | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 17 | 14 |
| Union Santa Fe | 12 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 19 | 11 |
| Velez Sarsfield | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 17 | 23 | 9 |
| Talleres Cordoba | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 25 | 7 |
| Banfield | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 22 | 6 |
| Huracan | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 15 | 29 | 6 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 10 | Martin Cardetti (River Plate) |
| 8 | Diego Forlan (Independiente) |
| 8 | Maximiliano Rodriguez (Newell's Old Boys) |
| 8 | Facundo Sava (Gimnasia LP) |

## BOLIVIA

### CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

### Second stage

**Oct 13:** The Strongest 0 Oriente 3.
**Oct 14:** Independiente* 2 Jorge Wilstermann 3; Mariscal Braun 2 Bolivar 1; Real Potosi 3 Guabira 2.
**Oct 17:** Bolivar 3 Real Potosi 1; Guabira 1 Mariscal Braun 0; Oriente 4 Independiente 1; Jorge Wilstermann 4 The Strongest 1.
**Oct 21:** Guabira 1 Bolivar 3; Oriente 2 Jorge Wilstermann 1; Real Potosi 3 Mariscal Braun 0; The Strongest 2 Independiente 2.
**Oct 24:** Independiente 0 Oriente 4; Real Potosi 2 Bolivar 1; The Strongest 2 Jorge Wilstermann 0.
**Oct 25:** Mariscal Braun 4 Guabira 0.
**Oct 28:** Bolivar 3 Mariscal Braun 0; Guabira 2 Real Potosi 2; Oriente 1 The Strongest 2; Jorge Wilstermann 2 Independiente 0.
**Oct 31:** Bolivar 4 Guabira 1; Independiente 1 The Strongest 0; Mariscal Braun 3 Real Potosi 1; Jorge Wilstermann 5 Oriente 2.

**BOLIVIA: GROUP 1 – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oriente | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 9 | 12 |
| J Wilstermann | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 12 |
| The Strongest | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 7 |
| Independiente | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 4 |

**BOLIVIA: GROUP 2 – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bolivar | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 12 |
| Real Potosi | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 10 |
| Mariscal Braun | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Guabira | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 4 |

*Top two from each group qualify for semi-finals*
**Independiente qualified for second stage groups because Santa Cruz, who finished above them in first stage, had to play a relegation play-off*

## BRAZIL

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Oct 13:** Vasco da Gama 3 Botafogo (Rio) 1; Portuguesa 2 Palmeiras 0; Parana 2 Vitoria 1; Gama 2 Santa Cruz 0.
**Oct 14:** Fluminense 1 Sao Paulo 1; Corinthians 1 Flamengo 2; Atletico Mineiro 0 Santos 1; Atletico Paranaense 3 America MG 2; Gremio 2 Cruzeiro 0; Sport Recife 1 Juventude 1; Bahia 3 Ponte Preta 1; Guarani 1 Coritiba 0; Botafogo SP 0 Goias 0; Sao Caetano 3 Internacional 1.
**Oct 18:** Gremio 1 Santa Cruz 0.
**Oct 20:** Vasco da Gama 1 Sao Caetano 2; America MG 2 Botafogo SP 2.
**Oct 21:** Sao Paulo 1 Portuguesa 0; Corinthians 1 Gremio 2; Cruzeiro 1 Fluminense 0; Coritiba 0 Atletico Paranaense 0; Internacional 2 Botafogo (Rio) 2; Sport Recife 1 Santa Cruz 2; Vitoria 1 Bahia 1; Ponte Preta 1 Guarani 1; Goias 2 Gama 0; Juventude 1 Parana 1; Flamengo 1 Atletico Mineiro 2.
**Oct 27:** Sao Paulo 0 Sao Caetano 0; Parana 0 Sport Recife 1.
**Oct 28:** Gremio 2 Flamengo 0; Santos 0 Corinthians 2; Botafogo (Rio) 3 Cruzeiro 0; Vasco da Gama 2 Fluminense 2; Palmeiras 1 Internacional 2; Atletico Mineiro 1 Portuguesa 0; Coritiba 1 Gama 0; Santa Cruz 1 Ponte Preta 3; Vitoria 1 America MG 0; Guarani 2 Bahia 1; Botafogo SP 0 Atletico Paranaense 2; Goias 2 Juventude 1.
**Nov 2:** Flamengo 0 Fluminense 1; Sao Paulo 1 Corinthians 1; America MG 1 Coritiba 2; Gama 3 Parana 2.
**Nov 4:** Botafogo (Rio) 3 Palmeiras 1; Portuguesa 5 Vasco da Gama 4; Cruzeiro 1 Sao Caetano 0; Atletico Paranaense 2 Goias 1; Internacional 1 Atletico Mineiro 0; Sport Recife 0 Guarani 1; Bahia 1 Botafogo SP 0; Ponte Preta 5 Vitoria 2; Juventude 2 Santa Cruz 0; Santos 4 Gremio 2.
**Nov 7:** Botafogo (Rio) 1 Gremio 3; Palmeiras 2 Fluminense 6; America MG 3 Sport Recife 1; Atletico Paranaense 6 Bahia 3; Internacional 1 Sao Paulo 4; Gama 5 Guarani 0; Vitoria 0 Juventude 0.
**Nov 8:** Cruzeiro 0 Flamengo 1; Vasco da Gama 1 Corinthians 0; Portuguesa 0 Santos 0; Parana 1 Coritiba 1; Santa Cruz 3 Goias 2; Ponte Preta 3 Botafogo SP 3; Sao Caetano 5 Atletico Mineiro 2.

**BRAZIL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| At Paranaense | 22 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 49 | 29 | 44 |
| Sao Caetano | 22 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 37 | 22 | 44 |
| Gremio | 22 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 32 | 22 | 41 |
| Fluminense | 22 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 39 | 26 | 41 |
| At Mineiro | 22 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 42 | 27 | 39 |
| Palmeiras | 22 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 36 | 36 | 35 |
| Ponte Preta | 22 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 45 | 43 | 35 |
| Internacional | 22 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| Sao Paulo | 22 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 34 | 24 | 34 |
| Bahia | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 34 | 35 | 32 |
| Santos | 22 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 29 | 21 | 32 |
| Vitoria | 22 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 29 | 28 | 32 |
| Goias | 22 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 26 | 30 |
| Parana | 22 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 31 | 30 |
| Portuguesa | 22 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 25 | 26 | 30 |
| Guarani | 22 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 25 | 37 | 29 |
| Vasco da Gama | 22 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 42 | 30 | 29 |
| Coritiba | 22 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 25 | 27 | 28 |
| Corinthians | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 37 | 38 | 27 |
| Botafogo (Rio) | 22 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 32 | 37 | 26 |
| Cruzeiro | 22 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 25 | 30 | 26 |
| Gama | 22 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 27 | 28 | 24 |
| Flamengo | 22 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 21 | 31 | 23 |
| Juventude | 22 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 23 | 31 | 23 |
| America MG | 22 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 27 | 38 | 21 |
| Santa Cruz | 22 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 26 | 45 | 20 |
| Sport Recife | 22 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 20 | 37 | 19 |
| Botafogo SP | 22 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 33 | 16 |

*Top eight qualify for knockout stages*

## CHILE

**Oct 13-14:** Santiago Morning 3 Coquimbo Unido 1; Puerto Montt 0 U de Chile 2; Colo Colo 5 Union Espanola 1; U Catolica 0 Palestino 0; Audax Italiano 0 San Felipe 2; Huachipato 2 Rangers 1; O'Higgins 1 Dep Concepcion 1; Santiago Wanderers 3 Cobreloa 0.
**Oct 20-21:** San Felipe 1 Santiago Wanderers 2; Coquimbo Unido 1 Colo Colo 3; U de Chile 0 Huachipato 0; Rangers 2 O'Higgins 1; Dep Concepcion 0 Santiago Morning 0; Union Espanola 0 Audax Italiano 1; Cobreloa 0 U Catolica 1; Palestino 2 Puerto Montt 1.
**Oct 27-28:** Santiago Wanderers 2 Union Espanola 1; Colo Colo 4 Dep Concepcion 0; O'Higgins 2 Santiago Morning 3; Huachipato 1 Palestino 2; Rangers 1 U de Chile 2; Puerto Montt 1 Cobreloa 1; U Catolica 1 San Felipe 0; Audax Italiano 1 Coquimbo Unido 0.
**Nov 3-4:** Palestino 5 Rangers 1; Coquimbo Unido 0 Santiago Wanderers 1; San Felipe 2 Puerto Montt 2; Cobreloa 0 Huachipato 3; Santiago Morning 3 Colo Colo 3; Dep Concepcion 1 Audax Italiano 1; U de Chile 3 O'Higgins 2; Union Espanola 0 U Catolica 1.

**CHILE**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sant Wanderers | 26 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 50 | 28 | 54 |
| U Catolica | 26 | 15 | 6 | 5 | 46 | 22 | 51 |
| U de Chile | 26 | 15 | 6 | 5 | 46 | 28 | 51 |
| Colo Colo | 26 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 55 | 30 | 50 |
| Palestino | 26 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 38 | 35 | 44 |
| Cobreloa | 26 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 33 | 24 | 41 |
| Huachipato | 26 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 47 | 34 | 38 |
| San Felipe | 26 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 38 | 31 | 36 |
| Dep Concepcion | 26 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 31 | 36 | 32 |
| Coquimbo Unido | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 24 | 31 | 32 |
| Union Espanola | 26 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 38 | 55 | 30 |
| Audax Italiano | 26 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 22 | 32 | 29 |
| Rangers | 26 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 33 | 40 | 26 |
| Sant Morning | 26 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 38 | 54 | 24 |
| O'Higgins | 26 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 32 | 58 | 18 |
| Puerto Montt | 26 | 3 | 8 | 15 | 24 | 57 | 17 |

## COLOMBIA

### CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Oct 3:** Dep Cali 3 At Nacional 1; Bucaramanga 0 Tolima 0; Dep Pasto 1 Tulua 1; Indep Santa Fe 1 At Junior 0; At Huila 1 Millonarios 3; Once Caldas 1 America 3; Real Cartagena 0 Pereira 0; Envigado 2 Indep Medellin 1.
**Oct 5:** At Nacional 2 Once Caldas 0.
**Oct 11:** Millonarios 3 Real Cartagena 0; America 2 Indep Santa Fe 1; Tolima 5 Dep Pasto 0; Pereira 0 Dep Cali 3; Envigado 2 At Huila 0; At Junior 2 Bucaramanga 1; Tulua 0 Indep Medellin 0.
**Oct 14:** Dep Cali 3 Millonarios 1; Indep Santa Fe 2 Once Caldas 1; Indep Medellin 2 Tolima 0; Pereira 3 At Nacional 2; Real Cartagena 0 Envigado 0; Dep Pasto 1 At Junior 0; At Huila 2 Tulua 0; Bucaramanga 0 America 1.
**Oct 17:** Millonarios 3 Pereira 0; At Nacional 3 Indep Santa Fe 1; Envigado 2 Dep Cali 1; Once Caldas 1 Bucaramanga 1; At Junior 2 Indep Medellin 1; Tolima 0 At Huila 0; Tulua 3 Real Cartagena 1.
**Oct 18:** America 3 Dep Pasto 0.
**Oct 21:** Millonarios 0 At Nacional 2; Pereira 2 Envigado 1; Dep Cali 2 Tulua 2; Real Cartagena 1 Tolima 2; At Huila 2 At Junior 4; Indep Medellin 2 America 1; Dep Pasto 0 Once Caldas 0; Bucaramanga 1 Indep Santa Fe 0.
**Oct 24:** Indep Santa Fe 2 Dep Pasto 0; Envigado 6 Millonarios 3; Tolima 2 Dep Cali 2; Once Caldas 1 Indep Medellin 0; At Junior 1 Real Cartagena 3; At Nacional 1 Bucaramanga 0; America 3 At Huila 1; Tulua 1 Pereira 0.
**Oct 28:** Pereira 1 Tolima 0; Dep Cali 1 At Junior 0; Envigado 0 At Nacional 0; Indep Medellin 1 Indep Santa Fe 0; Millonarios 1 Tulua 0; At Huila 0 Once Caldas 1; Real Cartagena 0 America 0; Dep Pasto 1 Bucaramanga 1.
**Nov 1:** America 1 Dep Cali 0; Indep Santa Fe 4 At Huila 1; Tolima 1 Millonarios 1; Once Caldas 1 Real Cartagena 0; At Nacional 3 Dep Pasto 0; Tulua 3 Envigado 0; At Junior 1 Pereira 1; Bucaramanga 1 Indep Medellin 0.
**Nov 4:** Tulua 0 At Nacional 0; Envigado 0 Tolima 0; Millonarios 1 At Junior 1; Pereira 1 America 1; Dep Cali 0 Once Caldas 0; Real Cartagena 3 Indep Santa Fe 2; At Huila 3 Bucaramanga 5; Indep Medellin 0 Dep Pasto 0.

**COLOMBIA - CLOSING**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Once Caldas | 21 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 34 | 16 | 40 |
| Dep Cali | 21 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 34 | 23 | 36 |
| Millonarios | 21 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 36 | 28 | 35 |
| At Nacional | 21 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 28 | 18 | 34 |
| America | 21 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 27 | 22 | 32 |
| Envigado | 21 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 34 | 33 | 32 |
| Dep Pasto | 21 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 20 | 27 | 32 |
| Indep Medellin | 21 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 24 | 21 | 29 |
| Tolima | 21 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 26 | 24 | 29 |
| Indep Santa Fe | 21 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 27 | 29 | 26 |
| Pereira | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 29 | 26 |
| At Junior | 21 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 25 | 26 | 25 |
| Tulua | 21 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 23 | 26 | 23 |
| At Huila | 21 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 20 | 35 | 20 |
| Bucaramanga | 21 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 25 | 18 |
| Real Cartagena | 21 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 19 | 31 | 18 |

## RECENT TRANSFERS

| | POS | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maikel AERTS | G | Den Bosch | Germinal Beerschot (loan) |
| Ludovic ASUAR | M | Metz | Sedan |
| Luigi BEGHETTO | F | Cagliari | Chievo |
| Massimo BEGHETTO | D | Vicenza | Dundee |
| Jesper BLOMQVIST | M | Manchester United | Everton |
| Gert BRUSSELERS | M | Germinal Beerschot | Ajax Cape Town |
| Benito CARBONE | F | Bradford | Derby (loan) |
| Matthew COLLINS | M | Swindon | Fulham |
| Jack DE GIER | F | Dunfermline | Twente |
| Pierre DUCROCQ | M | Paris Saint-Germain | Derby (loan) |
| EDMUNDO | F | Free agent | Tokyo Verdy 1969 |
| ERHAN Namli | M | Trabzonspor | Galatasaray |
| FAN Zhiyi | D | Crystal Palace | Dundee |
| Ian FEUER | G | Wimbledon | Derby (loan) |
| Maurizio GANZ | F | Free agent | Fiorentina |
| Francois GRENET | D | Bordeaux | Derby |
| Tommy GRONLUND | M | Trelleborgs | Hearts |
| Tomasz IWAN | M | Trabzonspor | Austria Wien |
| Seth JOHNSON | M | Derby | Leeds |
| Temuri KETSBAIA | F | Wolves | Dundee |
| Peter KJAER | G | Besiktas | Aberdeen |
| Thomas KJAERBYE | F | FC Copenhagen | AGF (loan) |
| Santi KOLK | M | Heerenveen | RKC Waalwijk (loan) |
| Serhii KONOVALOV | F | Kyiv Dynamo | Beitar Jerusalem |
| Benjamin KRUSE | D | Hamburg | Freiburg |
| Cherif Toure MAMAN | M | Al-Nasr (UAE) | Livingston |
| Milan MARTINOVIC | D | Oviedo | Red Star Belgrade |
| Paul MATTHIJS | M | AZ | Groningen |
| Alan MAYBURY | D | Leeds | Hearts |
| Jason MAYELE | M | Chateauroux | Chievo |
| Tomasz MAZURKIEWICZ | M | Legia Warsaw | AGF (loan) |
| Jason McATEER | M | Blackburn | Sunderland |
| Peter MOLLER | F | Oviedo | FC Copenhagen |
| Dmytro MYKHAILENKO | M | Kyiv Dynamo | Beitar Jerusalem |
| Arben NUHIJI | F | Sloga Jugomagnat | Yozgatspor (loan) |
| Stephan PASSLACK | D | 1860 Munich | Nurnberg |
| Igor PETKOVIC | D | Mladost | Kyiv Dynamo |
| Kevin POOLE | G | Birmingham | Bolton |
| Daniel PRODAN | D | Free agent | National Bucharest |
| ROBERT | F | Botafogo | Servette |
| Rene SCHNEIDER | D | Free agent | Hamburg |
| Frank TALIA | G | Free agent | Royal Antwerp |
| Paul TELFER | M | Coventry | Southampton |
| Jeppe VESTERGAARD | M | Herfolge | Silkeborg (loan) |
| Rob WIELART | D | PSV Eindhoven | NEC Nijmegen (loan) |
| Paul WILLIAMS | D | Coventry | Southampton |
| Pavel ZAVADIL | M | Drnovice | Sparta Prague |
| Luciano ZAVAGNO | D | Troyes | Derby |

## ECUADOR

### CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Oct 9:** Barcelona 1 Olmedo 0.
**Oct 10:** Delfin 3 Dep Quito 2; Aucas 6 LDU Portoviejo 0; Macara 0 El Nacional 1.
**Oct 12:** Espoli 1 Emelec 2.
**Oct 14:** Dep Quito 2 Barcelona 2; El Nacional 1 Aucas 2; Olmedo 0 Espoli 1; Delfin 3 LDU Portoviejo 2; Emelec 1 Macara 0.
**Oct 17:** Espoli 0 Dep Quito 2; LDU Portoviejo 2 El Nacional 1; Aucas 1 Olmedo 1; Macara 2 Delfin 1.
**Oct 19:** Emelec 0 Barcelona 1.
**Oct 20:** Delfin 3 Espoli 2.
**Oct 21:** El Nacional 0 Emelec 0; Dep Quito 2 Aucas 0; Olmedo 0 Macara 1; Barcelona 3 LDU Portoviejo 1.
**Oct 23:** Macara 0 Barcelona 0; Aucas 1 Espoli 0; LDU Portoviejo 1 Dep Quito 2; El Nacional 1 Olmedo 0; Emelec 1 Delfin 0.
**Oct 25:** Barcelona 1 El Nacional 1; Delfin 1 Aucas 0; Espoli 2 Macara 0; Olmedo 4 LDU Portoviejo 2; Dep Quito 2 Emelec 0.
**Oct 28:** LDU Portoviejo 3 Espoli 0; Macara 2 Dep Quito 1; Aucas 2 Barcelona 1; El Nacional 5 Delfin 2; Emelec 3 Olmedo 0.

**ECUADOR: CLOSING - FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emelec | 18 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 13 | 35 |
| Barcelona | 18 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 13 | 34 |
| Dep Quito | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 35 | 25 | 33 |
| Macara | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 17 | 29 |
| El Nacional | 18 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 31 | 20 | 28 |
| Aucas | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 22 | 22 | 24 |
| Olmedo | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 21 | 18 | 22 |
| Espoli | 18 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 23 | 18 |
| Delfin | 18 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 22 | 43 | 16 |
| LDU Portoviejo | 18 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 21 | 49 | 11 |

*Top three qualify for championship play-offs (along with opening qualifiers El Nacional, Espoli and Olmedo)*

## PARAGUAY

### CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

### Quarter-finals

*1st legs*
**Oct 10:** Guarani 2 12 de Octubre 3; Cerro Porteno 3 Olimpia 0; San Lorenzo 1 Sportivo Luqueno 0.
**Oct 11:** Libertad 1 Sol de America 0.

*2nd legs*
**Oct 15:** Olimpia 0 Cerro Porteno 1 *Cerro 4-0 on agg*; Sol de America 2 Libertad 1 *Agg 2-2. Libertad on away goals*; Sportivo Luqueno 0 San Lorenzo 0 *San Lorenzo 1-0 on agg*; 12 de Octubre 0 Guarani 2 *Guarani 4-3 on agg.*

### Semi-finals

*1st legs*
**Oct 21:** Libertad 1 Guarani 1; San Lorenzo 2 Cerro Porteno 1.

*2nd legs*
**Oct 28:** Cerro Porteno 3 San Lorenzo 0 *Cerro Porteno 4-2 on agg*; Guarani 3 Libertad 0 *Guarani 4-1 on agg.*

### FINAL

*1st leg*
**Nov 4:** Guarani 4 Cerro Porteno 3.

## PERU

### CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Oct 7:** Juan Aurich 0 Melgar 1.
**Oct 10:** Cienciano 4 Sporting Cristal 1; Estudiantes 2 Alianza Atletico 0; Coopsol Trujillo 1 Sport Boys 2.
**Oct 13:** Melgar 1 Coopsol Trujillo 2; Alianza Lima 0 Cienciano 0.
**Oct 14:** Sporting Cristal 1 Estudiantes 1; Sport Boys 0 Juan Aurich 2; Alianza Atletico 0 Universitario 0; Union Minas 1 Dep Wanka 1.
**Oct 17:** Dep Wanka 0 Alianza Lima 0; Universitario 2 Union Minas 0.
**Oct 20:** Coopsol Trujillo 5 Union Minas 2; Alianza Lima 0 Sporting Cristal 0.
**Oct 21:** Estudiantes 1 Universitario 0; Sport Boys 2 Cienciano 2; Alianza Atletico 2 Melgar 1; Dep Wanka 3 Juan Aurich 0.
**Oct 27:** Juan Aurich 2 Estudiantes 3; Universitario 2 Dep Wanka 1; Sporting Cristal 1 Coopsol Trujillo 2.
**Oct 28:** Cienciano 2 Alianza Atletico 0; Melgar 1 Sport Boys 2; Union Minas 1 Alianza Lima 0.
**Nov 2-4:** Coopsol Trujillo 2 Universitario 2; Alianza Atletico 2 Sporting Cristal 1; Alianza Lima 3 Juan Aurich 0; Dep Wanka 1 Melgar 0; Sport Boys 1 Union Minas 1; Estudiantes 2 Cienciano 1.

**PERU – CLOSING**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Estudiantes | 16 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 17 | 33 |
| Cienciano | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 22 | 32 |
| Sporting Cristal | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 15 | 29 |
| Sport Boys | 16 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 21 | 19 | 27 |
| Universitario | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 15 | 25 |
| Melgar | 16 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 20 | 19 | 22 |
| Coopsol Trujillo | 16 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 22 | 21 | 20 |
| Alianza Atletico | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 14 | 19 | 20 |
| Dep Wanka | 16 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 19 | 19 |
| Alianza Lima | 16 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Union Minas | 16 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 15 |
| Juan Aurich | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 29 | 11 |

## URUGUAY

### CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Oct 6:** Tacuarembo 0 Penarol 1.
**Oct 10:** Bella Vista M 1 Fenix 0; Defensor 2 Juventud 3; Tacuarembo 1 Danubio 0; Wanderers 1 Nacional 2; Bella Vista P 0 Penarol 1.
**Oct 13:** Nacional 3 Bella Vista M 0.
**Oct 14:** Fenix 3 Bella Vista P 3; Juventud 2 Danubio 3; Tacuarembo 1 Defensor 2; Wanderers 1 Penarol 1.
**Oct 20:** Danubio 2 Penarol 1.
**Oct 21:** Bella Vista P 1 Wanderers 2; Juventud 0 Fenix 0; Defensor 3 Nacional 3; Bella Vista M 1 Tacuarembo 2.
**Oct 26:** Defensor 2 Wanderers 1.
**Oct 27:** Danubio 4 Fenix 1; Bella Vista M 1 Bella Vista P 2; Tacuarembo 1 Juventud 1; Penarol 0 Nacional 2.

**URUGUAY: CLOSING – FINAL**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nacional | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 7 | 21 |
| Danubio | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 13 | 18 |
| Penarol | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 16 |
| Defensor | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 18 | 13 |
| Wanderers | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Juventud* | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 10 |
| Tacuarembo | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 10 |
| Fenix | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 10 |
| Bella Vista P | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 18 | 9 |
| Bella Vista M | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 20 | 3 |

**3pts deducted for fielding ineligible player*
*Nacional qualify to meet opening winners Danubio in championship play-off*

## VENEZUELA

### OPENING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Sep 16:** Mineros Guayana 5 Portuguesa 1; Galicia 0 Ital-Chacao 4; Dep Tachira 0 Monagas 0; Trujillanos 0 Nacional 0; Estudiantes 1 Caracas 2.
**Sep 19:** Caracas 6 Mineros Guayana 0; Ital-Chacao 0 Estudiantes 0; Monagas 2 Trujillanos 1; Nacional 0 Galicia 1; Portuguesa 1 Dep Tachira 5.
**Sep 23:** Mineros Guayana 2 Ital-Chacao 1; Galicia 2 Trujillanos 3; Dep Tachira 1 Caracas 1; Estudiantes 1 Nacional 1; Portuguesa 2 Monagas 1.
**Sep 30:** Caracas 0 Portuguesa 0; Ital-Chacao 0 Dep Tachira 0; Trujillanos 0 Estudiantes 0; Monagas 2 Galicia 1; Nacional 2 Mineros Guayana 1.
**Oct 10:** Mineros Guayana 2 Trujillanos 2; Caracas 0 Monagas 2; Dep Tachira 0 Nacional 0; Estudiantes 3 Galicia 1; Portuguesa 2 Ital-Chacao 0.
**Oct 14:** Galicia 5 Mineros Guayana 4; Ital-Chacao 5 Caracas 4; Trujillanos 3 Dep Tachira 3; Monagas 3 Estudiantes 1; Nacional 6 Portuguesa 0.
**Oct 21:** Galicia 0 Dep Tachira 1; Ital-Chacao 2 Monagas 0; Trujillanos 4 Portuguesa 2; Estudiantes 4 Mineros Guayana 1; Nacional 3 Caracas 3.

**VENEZUELA – OPENING**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dep Tachira | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 17 |
| Monagas | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 17 |
| Nacional | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 16 |
| Trujillanos | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 14 | 15 |
| Ital-Chacao | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 12 | 14 |
| Caracas | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 13 |
| Estudiantes | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 13 |
| Portuguesa | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 24 | 12 |
| Mineros Guayana | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 23 | 11 |
| Galicia | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 28 | 6 |

# CENTRAL & NORTH AMERICA

## MEXICO

### WINTER LEAGUE

**Oct 5:** Guadalajara 0 Atlante 0.
**Oct 6:** Pumas UNAM 2 Atlas 2; La Piedad 3 Puebla 2; Toluca 4 Pachuca 3; Monterrey 1 America 0; Necaxa 0 Tigres 4; Tecos UAG 1 Santos 2; Atletico Celaya 5 Atletico Morelia 2; Leon 2 Irapuato 2.
**Oct 13:** Atletico Morelia 0 Guadalajara 1; Atlante 2 Tecos UAG 1; Tigres 1 Toluca 1; America 1 Atletico Celaya 2; Atlas 4 Leon 1.
**Oct 14:** Pachuca 3 Monterrey 3; Puebla 2 Santos 1; Irapuato 2 Necaxa 3; La Piedad 1 Cruz Azul 5.
**Oct 20:** Santos 2 Atlante 1; Toluca 1 Irapuato 1; Monterrey 0 Tigres 0; Cruz Azul 1 Puebla 0; Necaxa 1 Atlas 0.
**Oct 21:** Guadalajara 1 America 1; Pumas UNAM 2 La Piedad 1; Tecos UAG 3 Atletico Morelia 0; Atletico Celaya 1 Pachuca 3.
**Oct 27:** Tigres 1 Atletico Celaya 0; Cruz Azul 1 Pumas UNAM 0; Puebla 0 Atlante 0; Atlas 0 Toluca 3.
**Oct 28:** Atletico Morelia 3 Santos 2; Pachuca 2 Guadalajara 1; Irapuato 1 Monterrey 1; La Piedad 1 Leon 1; America 1 Tecos UAG 1.
**Nov 2:** Necaxa 2 La Piedad 0.
**Nov 3:** Atlante 1 Atletico Morelia 1; Monterrey 3 Atlas 1; Tecos UAG 1 Pachuca 1; Atletico Celaya 2 Irapuato 1.
**Nov 4:** Pumas UNAM 2 Puebla 2; Guadalajara 0 Tigres 2; Leon 2 Cruz Azul 2; Santos 2 America 3.

**GROUP 1**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cruz Azul | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 28 | 20 | 26 |
| Guadalajara | 16 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 16 | 26 |
| Monterrey | 16 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 26 | 19 |
| Atlas | 15 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 21 | 23 | 18 |
| At Celaya | 16 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 21 | 30 | 16 |

**GROUP 2**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toluca | 15 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 30 | 18 | 28 |
| Santos | 15 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 33 | 29 | 23 |
| At Morelia | 15 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 22 | 28 | 17 |
| Irapuato | 15 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 24 | 24 | 14 |
| La Piedad | 15 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 28 | 6 |

**GROUP 3**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlante | 15 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 17 | 23 |
| Necaxa | 15 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 18 | 17 | 23 |
| America | 15 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 17 | 18 |
| Tecos UAG | 15 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 19 | 15 |
| Leon | 15 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 20 | 27 | 14 |

**GROUP 4**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tigres | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 10 | 27 |
| Pachuca | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 21 | 26 |
| Puebla | 15 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Pumas UNAM | 15 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 18 | 15 |

**LEADING GOALSCORERS**

10 Alex Fernandez (Atletico Morelia)
10 Martin Rodriguez (Irapuato)
9 Jose Manuel Abundis (Atlante)
9 Jared Borgetti (Santos)
9 Jose Luis Calderon (Atlas)

## UNITED STATES

### Semi-finals

(best of three legs)

**Oct 10:** Chicago Fire 1 Los Angeles Galaxy 1.
**Oct 13:** Los Angeles Galaxy 1 Chicago Fire 0.
**Oct 17:** Chicago Fire 1 Los Angeles Galaxy 2.
*Los Angeles won series 2-0.*

**Oct 10:** Miami Fusion 1 San Jose Earthquakes 0.
**Oct 14:** San Jose Earthquakes 4 Miami Fusion 0.
**Oct 17:** Miami Fusion 0 San Jose Earthquakes 1.
*San Jose won series 2-1.*

### FINAL (MLS Cup)

*Oct 21 - Columbus, Ohio*
**San Jose Earthquakes 2** (Donovan 43, DeRosario 96 - golden goal)
**Los Angeles Galaxy 1** (Hernandez 21)
*Aet.* **HT:** 1-1. **90mins:** 1-1. **Att:** 21,626. **Ref:** Stott

# AFRICA

## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

### Quarter-final groups

**Group A**

**Oct 20:** Mamelodi Sundowns (SAf) 1 Julius Berger (Nig) 0; TP Mazembe (DRC) 3 Esperance (Tun) 2.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Esperance | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| Mam Sundowns | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Julius Berger | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| TP Mazembe | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

**Group B**

**Oct 21:** Chabab Belouizdad (Alg) 0 Al Ahly (Egy) 1; Petro Atletico (Ang) 0 ASEC Abidjan (IvC) 1.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Petro Atletico | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 12 |
| Al Ahly | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 12 |
| ASEC Abidjan | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 5 | 10 |
| Chabab Bel | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 1 |

*Top two from each group qualified for semi-finals*

### Semi-finals

*1st legs*
**Nov 3:** Mamelodi Sundowns 2 Petro Atletico 0.
**Nov 4:** Al Ahly 0 Esperance 0.

## CUP-WINNERS CUP

### Semi-finals

*1st legs*
**Oct 13:** Inter Luanda (Ang) 3 Kumbo Strikers (Cam) 0.
**Oct 14:** Kaizer Chiefs (SAf) 2 Club Africain (Tun) 0.

*2nd legs*
**Oct 27:** Club Africain 0 Kaizer Chiefs 1
*Kaizer Chiefs 3-0 on agg.*
**Oct 28:** Kumbo Strikers 0 Inter Luanda 1
*Inter 4-0 on agg.*

## CAF CUP

### Semi-finals

*1st legs*
**Oct 13:** Etoile Sahel (Tun) 3 Cotonsport (Cam) 1.
**Oct 14:** Africa Sports (IvC) 3 JS Kabylie (Alg) 1.

*2nd legs*
**Oct 27:** JS Kabylie 2 Africa Sports 0
*Agg 3-3. JS Kabylie on away goals.*
**Oct 28:** Cotonsport 1 Etoile Sahel 0
*Etoile 3-2 on agg.*

# ASIA

## JAPAN

### SECOND STAGE

**Oct 13:** Jubilo Iwata 2 Kashima Antlers 0; Nagoya Grampus Eight 1 FC Tokyo 1 (aet); Urawa Reds 0 Yokohama F Marinos 2; Tokyo Verdy 1969 0 Consadole Sapporo 1; Cerezo Osaka 1 Gamba Osaka 1 (aet); Vissel Kobe 3 Shimizu S-Pulse 6; JEF United Ichihara 3 Avispa Fukuoka 0; Sanfrecce Hiroshima 2 Kashiwa Reysol 4.
**Oct 17:** Gamba Osaka 3 Vissel Kobe 2; Yokohama F Marinos 2 Nagoya Grampus Eight 0; Consadole Sapporo 4 Sanfrecce Hiroshima 2; Kashima Antlers 2 Cerezo Osaka 1; Shimizu S-Pulse 3 Verdy Kawasaki 2 (aet); FC Tokyo 2 Jubilo Iwata 5; Kashiwa Reysol 3 JEF United Ichihara 4; Avispa Fukuoka 1 Urawa Reds 1 (aet).
**Oct 20:** Yokohama F Marinos 2 Cerezo Osaka 3 (aet); Gamba Osaka 1 Urawa Reds 1 (aet); Avispa Fukuoka 1 FC Tokyo 0; Vissel Kobe 3 JEF United Ichihara 0; Kashiwa Reysol 0 Kashima Antlers 1; Verdy Kawasaki 2 Sanfrecce Hiroshima 0; Consadole Sapporo 1 Jubilo Iwata 2; Shimizu S-Pulse 2 Nagoya Grampus Eight 1 (aet).
**Oct 31:** Kashima Antlers 4 Avispa Fukuoka 1; Urawa Reds 2 Shimizu S-Pulse 1; JEF United Ichihara 0 Gamba Osaka 1; FC Tokyo 1 Yokohama F Marinos 1; Jubilo Iwata 1 Kashiwa Reysol 3; Nagoya Grampus Eight 2 Consadole Sapporo 0; Cerezo Osaka 0 Tokyo Verdy 1969 3; Sanfrecce Hiroshima 3 Vissel Kobe 2.

**JAPAN – SECOND STAGE**

| | P | W1 | W2 | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kashima Antlers | 11 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 13 | 28 |
| Jubilo Iwata | 11 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 10 | 25 |
| Shimizu S-Pulse | 11 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 29 | 20 | 18 |
| JEF United | 11 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 18 | 17 |
| FC Tokyo | 11 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 21 | 16 |
| Grampus Eight | 11 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 19 | 19 | 16 |
| Kashiwa Reysol | 11 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 17 | 15 |
| Sanfrecce H | 11 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 27 | 24 | 15 |
| Yokohama FM | 11 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Gamba Osaka | 11 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 14 |
| Tokyo Verdy 1969 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 18 | 13 |
| Avispa Fukuoka | 11 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 13 |
| Consadole Sapp | 11 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 22 | 24 | 12 |
| Vissel Kobe | 11 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 25 | 11 |
| Urawa Reds | 11 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 20 | 8 |
| Cerezo Osaka | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 32 | 4 |

*W1 = win in 90mins – 3pts; W2 = win in extra time – 2pts; Draw = 1pt*

# QUALIFYING UPDATE

## ASIA

### Saudis through as Iran throw it away

**SAUDI ARABIA** qualified for their third successive World Cup finals in extraordinary fashion as **Iran** threw away the chance to top Asia's Group A table and thereby go through automatically to next year's tournament.

Iran had gone into the final round of games as group leaders but ended up as runners-up after a 3-1 defeat away to **Bahrain**, coupled with a 4-1 victory for Saudi Arabia in Riyadh against **Thailand**.

Iran were behind as early as the seventh minute, to an Abdulla Mohamed goal, and the Bahrainis doubled their lead just before half-time through Ali Ahmed.

The dismissal of the visitors' Sirous Dinmohammadi and Ali Vahedinikbahkt meant defeat was almost inevitable, and although Ali Daei pulled one goal back with nine minutes left, Bahrain grabbed a third, through Husain Mohamed in injury time, to seal victory.

At the same time, Saudi Arabia were easily accounting for Thailand. Goals from Abdullah Bin Shehan, Abdullah Al-Dosary, Sami Al-Jaber and Ibrahim Al-Harbi meant Saudi Arabia finished top of the group, in keeping with many observers' views that they had been the best side.

Iran's performances were anything but convincing, with fortunate draws against Bahrain in Tehran, Saudi Arabia in Jeddah and Thailand in Bangkok earning them points they scarcely deserved.

"Iran had been lucky before," said Al-Jaber upon the Saudis' qualification. "They should have lost several games that they drew. But we have to thank Bahrain, they have done us a big favour."

The turning point for the Saudis was the re-appointment of Nasser Al-Johar as head coach after just two matches of the final phase of qualifying.

Yugoslav coach Slobodan Santrac was fired after the side picked up just one point in the opening two games, leading the Saudis to turn their attention back to Al-Johar, who had led them to the final of last year's Asian Cup.

The former assistant worked his magic again, this time taking the Saudis on an unbeaten run that ended in yet another World Cup qualification.

Al-Jaber, who looks set to become the first Arab player to feature in three World Cup tournaments, said the return of Al-Johar was the catalyst to the team's success.

"We have many good players, players who have very high quality," he said, "but we needed a man who could understand them. When Nasser Al-Johar came in, he was that man."

Whether he will be on hand to do the same again in Korea and Japan next year is unlikely. The Saudis have already started looking for a big-name replacement, with Al-Johar expected, once again, to assume his position as assistant coach.

Ironically, one man in the frame to take on the task was Iran coach Miroslav Blazevic, who seemed certain to be out of a job if Iran failed to beat the Republic of Ireland in the European/Asian play-off for a World Cup finals place.

Blazevic guided his side into the tie following a 4-0 aggregate win over the **United Arab Emirates** in the Asian section play-off, between the Group A and B runners-up.

Karim Bagheri scored the only goal of the first leg in Tehran, while Ali Daei, Bagheri again and Mehrdad Minavand were on target in the return in Abu Dhabi. It was the second World Cup campaign in a row that Iran had reached this stage, having successfully faced Australia in a play-off in 1997 for a France 98 berth.

UAE took the runners-up spot in Group B, behind China, after both **Qatar** and **Uzbekistan** shot themselves in the foot.

*Michael Church*

**2 or 3 teams qualify, plus hosts Japan and South Korea**

#### SECOND ROUND

**Group A**

Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Thailand

17.08.01.....Iraq-Thailand.....4-0
17.08.01.....Saudi Arabia-Bahrain.....1-1
23.08.01.....Bahrain-Iraq.....2-0
24.08.01.....Iran-Saudi Arabia.....2-0
31.08.01.....Saudi Arabia-Iraq.....1-0
01.09.01.....Thailand-Iran.....0-0
06.09.01.....Bahrain-Thailand.....1-1
07.09.01.....Iraq-Iran.....1-2
14.09.01.....Iran-Bahrain.....0-0
15.09.01.....Thailand-Saudi Arabia.....1-3
21.09.01.....Bahrain-Saudi Arabia.....0-4
22.09.01.....Thailand-Iraq.....1-1
28.09.01.....Iraq-Bahrain.....1-0
28.09.01.....Saudi Arabia-Iran.....2-2
05.10.01.....Iran-Thailand.....1-0
05.10.01.....Iraq-Saudi Arabia.....1-2
12.10.01.....Iran-Iraq.....2-1
16.10.01.....Thailand-Bahrain.....1-1
21.10.01.....Bahrain-Iran.....3-1
21.10.01.....Saudi Arabia-Thailand.....4-1

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saudi Arabia | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 8 | 17 |
| Iran | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 15 |
| Bahrain | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Iraq | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 7 |
| Thailand | 8 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 4 |

**Group B**

China, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan

16.08.01.....Qatar-Oman.....0-0
17.08.01.....United Arab Emirates-Uzbekistan...4-1
25.08.01.....China-United Arab Emirates.....3-0
26.08.01.....Uzbekistan-Qatar.....2-1
31.08.01.....United Arab Emirates-Qatar.....0-2
31.08.01.....Oman-China.....0-2
07.09.01.....Qatar-China.....1-1
08.09.01.....Uzbekistan-Oman.....5-0
14.09.01.....Oman-United Arab Emirates.....1-1
15.09.01.....China-Uzbekistan.....2-0
21.09.01.....Oman-Qatar.....0-3
22.09.01.....Uzbekistan-United Arab Emirates...0-1
27.09.01.....United Arab Emirates-China.....0-1
28.09.01.....Qatar-Uzbekistan.....2-2
04.10.01.....Qatar-United Arab Emirates.....1-2
07.10.01.....China-Oman.....1-0
13.10.01.....Oman-Uzbekistan.....4-2
13.10.01.....China-Qatar.....3-0
19.10.01.....United Arab Emirates-Oman.....2-2
19.10.01.....Uzbekistan-China.....1-0

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| China | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 19 |
| UAE | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| Uzbekistan | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 10 |
| Qatar | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 9 |
| Oman | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 6 |

*Ties played on a home and away basis.The two group winners qualify directly for the finals. The two runners-up entered the play-off.*

#### ASIAN RUNNERS-UP PLAY-OFF

25.10.01.....Iran-United Arab Emirates.....1-0
31.10.01.....United Arab Emirates-Iran.....0-3
.....*Iran 4-0 on agg*

*Iran entered the Asian/European play-off.*

#### ASIAN/EUROPEAN PLAY-OFF

10.11.01 .....Rep of Ireland-Iran.....2-0
15.11.01 .....Iran-Rep of Ireland

*The match winners qualify for the finals.*

## SOUTH AMERICA

### Brazil stutter; Ecuador and Paraguay seal places

ON the same night that Paraguay and Ecuador secured their places in next year's finals – the latter for the first time – **Brazil's** 3-1 defeat away to **Bolivia** left them needing a win in their final game, at home to Venezuela, to be certain of automatic qualification.

Forward Edilson had put the visitors ahead against the run of play with a searing drive after 25 minutes, but then a slip by defender Roque Junior allowed Lider Paz in on goal to equalise just before half-time. A second-half double from Julio Baldivieso – one a long-range free-kick, the other a penalty – sealed the win for the Bolivians, who had only pride to play for.

"They were much better than us," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari admitted after the game, played in La Paz. "They mixed commitment with good technical quality and they just worked much harder than us."

As it turned out, a win for Brazil would have put them into the finals, since **Uruguay**, their closest challengers for the fourth automatic qualifying slot, managed only a 1-1 draw away to **Ecuador**. Uruguay had taken the lead in Quito after Nicolas Olivera converted a controversial penalty. But a second-half equaliser from Ivan Kaviedes was enough to bring Ecuador the point they needed to make the finals for the first time.

The fact that Uruguay only drew meant that **Paraguay** also became assured of qualification a day before

### The finalists so far

ARGENTINA
CAMEROON
CHINA
COSTA RICA
CROATIA
DENMARK
ECUADOR
ENGLAND
FRANCE (holders)
ITALY
JAPAN (co-hosts)
MEXICO
NIGERIA
PARAGUAY
POLAND
PORTUGAL
RUSSIA
SAUDI ARABIA
SENEGAL
SOUTH AFRICA
SOUTH KOREA (co-hosts)
SPAIN
SWEDEN
TUNISIA
UNITED STATES

their penultimate qualifier, a 3-1 defeat away to **Venezuela**.

This was the fourth qualifying win in a row for the Venezuelans, the continent's traditional whipping boys, lifting them up to eighth in the table.

**Colombia** kept their slim hopes of qualifying alive by beating bottom-placed **Chile** 3-1 in a fiery game in Bogota. The visitors ended the match with just seven players on the pitch, after Victor Cancino, Moises Villarroel, Patricio Ormazabal and Marco Villaseca were all dismissed in separate incidents.

Chile had taken the lead in the 38th minute after Jaime Riveros converted a free-kick, by which time they were already down to 10 men. But Colombia hit back after the break, aided by increasing numerical advantage, through Freddy Grisales, Juan Pablo Angel and Jersson Gonzalez.

In the round's other contest, an understrength **Argentina** still managed to beat **Peru** 2-0 in Buenos Aires, the goals coming from Walter Samuel and Claudio Lopez. The visitors had star striker Claudio Pizarro sent off with 15 minutes remaining, adding to the gloom of slumping to second from bottom in the qualifying table.

*Michael Bowesfield*

**4 or 5 teams qualify**

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

28.03.00 .....Colombia-Brazil .....0-0
29.03.00 .....Argentina-Chile .....4-1
29.03.00 .....Ecuador-Venezuela .....2-0
29.03.00 .....Peru-Paraguay .....2-0
29.03.00 .....Uruguay-Bolivia .....1-0
26.04.00 .....Bolivia-Colombia .....1-1
26.04.00 .....Brazil-Ecuador .....3-2
26.04.00 .....Chile-Peru .....1-1
26.04.00 .....Paraguay-Uruguay .....1-0
26.04.00 .....Venezuela-Argentina .....0-4
03.06.00 .....Paraguay-Ecuador .....3-1
03.06.00 .....Uruguay-Chile .....2-1
04.06.00 .....Argentina-Bolivia .....1-0
04.06.00 .....Colombia-Venezuela .....3-0
04.06.00 .....Peru-Brazil .....0-1
28.06.00 .....Brazil-Uruguay .....1-1
28.06.00 .....Venezuela-Bolivia .....4-2
29.06.00 .....Chile-Paraguay .....3-1
29.06.00 .....Colombia-Argentina .....1-3
29.06.00 .....Ecuador-Peru .....2-1
18.07.00 .....Paraguay-Brazil .....2-1
18.07.00 .....Uruguay-Venezuela .....3-1
19.07.00 .....Argentina-Ecuador .....2-0
19.07.00 .....Bolivia-Chile .....1-0
19.07.00 .....Peru-Colombia .....0-1
25.07.00 .....Ecuador-Colombia .....0-0
25.07.00 .....Venezuela-Chile .....0-2
26.07.00 .....Brazil-Argentina .....3-1
26.07.00 .....Uruguay-Peru .....0-0
27.07.00 .....Bolivia-Paraguay .....0-0
15.08.00 .....Chile-Brazil .....3-0
15.08.00 .....Colombia-Uruguay .....1-0
16.08.00 .....Argentina-Paraguay .....1-1
16.08.00 .....Ecuador-Bolivia .....2-0
16.08.00 .....Peru-Venezuela .....1-0
02.09.00 .....Chile-Colombia .....0-1
02.09.00 .....Paraguay-Venezuela .....3-0
03.09.00 .....Brazil-Bolivia .....5-0
03.09.00 .....Peru-Argentina .....1-2
03.09.00 .....Uruguay-Ecuador .....4-0
07.10.00 .....Colombia-Paraguay .....0-2
08.10.00 .....Argentina-Uruguay .....2-1
08.10.00 .....Bolivia-Peru .....1-0
08.10.00 .....Ecuador-Chile .....1-0
08.10.00 .....Venezuela-Brazil .....0-6
15.11.00 .....Bolivia-Uruguay .....0-0
15.11.00 .....Brazil-Colombia .....1-0
15.11.00 .....Chile-Argentina .....0-2
15.11.00 .....Paraguay-Peru .....5-1
15.11.00 .....Venezuela-Ecuador .....1-2
27.03.01 .....Colombia-Bolivia .....2-0
27.03.01 .....Peru-Chile .....3-1
28.03.01 .....Argentina-Venezuela .....5-0
28.03.01 .....Ecuador-Brazil .....1-0
28.03.01 .....Uruguay-Paraguay .....0-1
24.04.01 .....Chile-Uruguay .....0-1
24.04.01 .....Ecuador-Paraguay .....2-1
24.04.01 .....Venezuela-Colombia .....2-2
25.04.01 .....Bolivia-Argentina .....3-3
25.04.01 .....Brazil-Peru .....1-1
02.06.01 .....Paraguay-Chile .....1-0
02.06.01 .....Peru-Ecuador .....1-2
03.06.01 .....Argentina-Colombia .....3-0
03.06.01 .....Bolivia-Venezuela .....5-0
01.07.01 .....Uruguay-Brazil .....1-0
14.08.01 .....Chile-Bolivia .....2-2
14.08.01 .....Venezuela-Uruguay .....2-0
15.08.01 .....Brazil-Paraguay .....2-0
15.08.01 .....Ecuador-Argentina .....0-2
16.08.01 .....Colombia-Peru .....0-1
04.09.01 .....Chile-Venezuela .....0-2
04.09.01 .....Peru-Uruguay .....0-2
05.09.01 .....Argentina-Brazil .....2-1
05.09.01 .....Colombia-Ecuador .....0-0
05.09.01 .....Paraguay-Bolivia .....5-1
06.10.01 .....Bolivia-Ecuador .....1-5
06.10.01 .....Venezuela-Peru .....3-0
07.10.01 .....Brazil-Chile .....2-0
07.10.01 .....Paraguay-Argentina .....2-2
07.10.01 .....Uruguay-Colombia .....1-1
07.11.01 .....Bolivia-Brazil .....3-1
07.11.01 .....Colombia-Chile .....3-1
07.11.01 .....Ecuador-Uruguay .....1-1
08.11.01 .....Argentina-Peru .....2-0
08.11.01 .....Venezuela-Paraguay .....3-1
14.11.01 .....Brazil-Venezuela
14.11.01 .....Chile-Ecuador
14.11.01 .....Paraguay-Colombia
14.11.01 .....Peru-Bolivia
14.11.01 .....Uruguay-Argentina

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Argentina | 17 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 41 | 14 | 42 |
| Paraguay | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 29 | 19 | 30 |
| Ecuador | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 23 | 20 | 30 |
| Brazil | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 28 | 17 | 27 |
| Uruguay | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 12 | 26 |
| Colombia | 17 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 15 | 24 |
| Bolivia | 17 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 32 | 17 |
| Venezuela | 17 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 18 | 41 | 16 |
| Peru | 17 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 24 | 15 |
| Chile | 17 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 15 | 27 | 11 |

*The top four teams qualify automatically for the finals. The fifth-placed team play off against Australia for a place in the finals.*

## THE FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

# Mexico come good at the last

**MEXICO** took the region's third and final qualifying berth after beating **Honduras** 3-0 at the Azteca stadium in Mexico City.

The result represented a triumph for coach Javier Aguirre, who led the team to four qualifying victories and a draw since taking the helm in late June. When he took over, Mexico were only fifth in the final group of six and appeared destined to miss out on the finals.

The revival also coincided with Cuauhtemoc Blanco's return to the starting line-up after a long-term injury. Fittingly, the forward was on target twice against Honduras, putting Mexico ahead in the 65 minute and rounding off the scoring with a 79th-minute penalty, while he also set up his country's second goal, scored by Juan Francisco Palencia.

Both sides were reduced to 10 men when an off-the-ball incident in the 74th minute led to the dismissal of Mexico's Johan Rodriguez and Honduras' Amado Guevara.

**Costa Rica**, who finished top of the group, rounded off their campaign with a 1-0 win in **Jamaica**, William Sunsing scoring as early as the sixth minute.

Like Costa Rica, the **United States** were already assured of their finals place before the last round of games. They finished off with a 0-0 draw away to bottom-placed **Trinidad & Tobago** to end up third in the group on goal difference behind Mexico.

*Michael Bowesfield*

**3 teams qualify**

### FINAL ROUND

Costa Rica, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad & Tobago, United States

28.02.01 .....Costa Rica-Honduras .....2-2
28.02.01 .....Jamaica-Trinidad & Tobago .....1-0
28.02.01 .....United States-Mexico .....2-0
25.03.01 .....Mexico-Jamaica .....4-0
28.03.01 .....Costa Rica-Trinidad & Tobago .....3-0
28.03.01 .....Honduras-United States .....1-2
25.04.01 .....Jamaica-Honduras .....1-1
25.04.01 .....Trinidad & Tobago-Mexico .....1-1
25.04.01 .....United States-Costa Rica .....1-0
16.06.01 .....Jamaica-United States .....0-0
16.06.01 .....Mexico-Costa Rica .....1-2
16.06.01 .....Trinidad & Tobago-Honduras .....2-4
20.06.01 .....Costa Rica-Jamaica .....2-1
20.06.01 .....Honduras-Mexico .....3-1
20.06.01 .....United States-Trinidad & Tobago .....2-0
30.06.01 .....Trinidad & Tobago-Jamaica .....1-2
01.07.01 .....Honduras-Costa Rica .....2-3
01.07.01 .....Mexico-United States .....1-0
01.09.01 .....Trinidad & Tobago-Costa Rica .....0-2
01.09.01 .....United States-Honduras .....2-3
02.09.01 .....Jamaica-Mexico .....1-2
05.09.01 .....Costa Rica-United States .....2-0
05.09.01 .....Honduras-Jamaica .....1-0
05.09.01 .....Mexico-Trinidad & Tobago .....3-0
07.10.01 .....Costa Rica-Mexico .....0-0
07.10.01 .....Honduras-Trinidad & Tobago .....0-1
07.10.01 .....United States-Jamaica .....2-1
11.11.01 .....Jamaica-Costa Rica .....0-1
11.11.01 .....Mexico-Honduras .....3-0
11.11.01 .....Trinidad & Tobago-United States .....0-0

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Costa Rica | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 7 | 23 |
| Mexico | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 9 | 17 |
| United States | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 17 |
| Honduras | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 14 |
| Jamaica | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 8 |
| Trinidad & Tob | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 18 | 5 |

*The top three qualify for the finals.*

## EUROPE

# Austria deny Israel with seconds to spare

**AUSTRIA** left it as late as possible to book their play-off place, after scoring an injury time equaliser away to Israel in the delayed final Group 7 qualifier.

Israel were leading 1-0 after Shimon Gershon had converted a 56th-minute penalty and appeared certain to grab second place behind Spain.

However, Austria's veteran midfielder Andreas Herzog converted a late free-kick to secure the point his side needed to progress.

*Michael Bowesfield*

**13 or 14 teams qualify, plus holders France**

**Group 7**

Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Israel, Liechtenstein, Spain

02.09.00 .....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Spain .....1-2
03.09.00 .....Israel-Liechtenstein .....2-0
07.10.00 .....Liechtenstein-Austria .....0-1
07.10.00 .....Spain-Israel .....2-0
11.10.00 .....Austria-Spain .....1-1
11.10.00 .....Israel-Bosnia-Herzegovina .....3-1
24.03.01 .....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Austria .....1-1
24.03.01 .....Spain-Liechtenstein .....5-0
28.03.01 .....Austria-Israel .....2-1
28.03.01 .....Liechtenstein-Bosnia-Herz .....0-3
25.04.01 .....Austria-Liechtenstein .....2-0
02.06.01 .....Liechtenstein-Israel .....0-3
02.06.01 .....Spain-Bosnia-Herzegovina .....4-1
06.06.01 .....Israel-Spain .....1-1
01.09.01 .....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Israel .....0-0
01.09.01 .....Spain-Austria .....4-0
05.09.01 .....Austria-Bosnia-Herzegovina .....2-0
05.09.01 .....Liechtenstein-Spain .....0-2
07.10.01 .....Bosnia-Herz-Liechtenstein .....5-0
27.10.01 .....Israel-Austria .....1-1

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spain | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 4 | 20 |
| Austria | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 15 |
| Israel | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 12 |
| Bosnia-Herz | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 8 |
| Liechtenstein | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 23 | 0 |

### EUROPEAN AND EURO/ASIAN PLAY-OFFS

*1st legs*

10.11.01 .....Slovenia-Romania .....2-1
10.11.01 .....Ukraine-Germany .....1-1
10.11.01 .....Belgium-Czech Republic .....1-0
10.11.01 .....Austria-Turkey .....0-1
10.11.01 .....Rep of Ireland-Iran .....2-0

*2nd legs*

14.11.01 .....Romania-Slovenia
14.11.01 .....Germany-Ukraine
14.11.01 .....Czech Republic-Belgium
14.11.01 .....Turkey-Austria
15.11.01 .....Iran-Rep of Ireland

*The five match winners qualify for the finals.*

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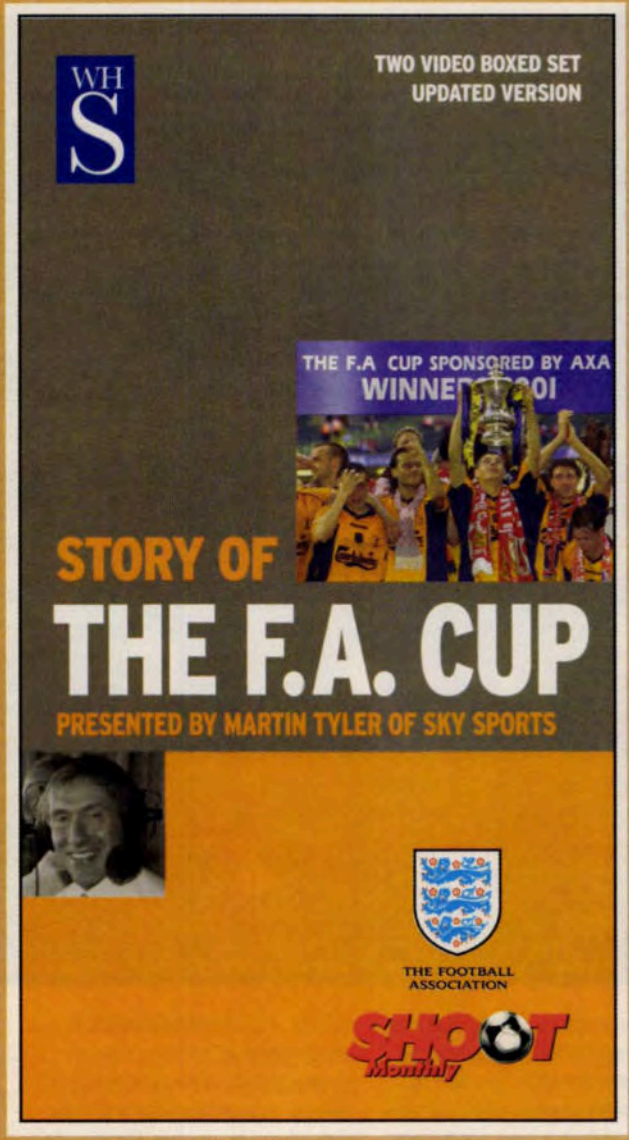


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# Roman tragedy

## Lazio's rapid decline has surprised everybody, says Paddy Agnew

THIS has been a cruel autumn for Lazio. As the Roman club crashed out of both the Champions League and the UEFA Cup when losing their final first phase game 1-0 to French champions Nantes, they were rounding off a spectacularly poor seasonal start that not even a September coaching change, with Alberto Zaccheroni taking over from Dino Zoff, could halt.

With the exception of the Chievo success story (see page 4), the current Lazio decline and fall represents arguably the most significant development of the autumn. Given Lazio's questionable marketplace activity this summer, it was always easy to predict that the club would struggle, at least initially, this season.

Yet those of us who warned about Lazio's problems could hardly have foreseen that by the end of October, the club would be out of Europe and languishing in the relegation zone of Serie A. The bare statistics reflect much about the poverty of the current Lazio game – seven defeats, five draws and only four wins in 16 Serie A and Champions League games; only three goals scored in eight Serie A games; only one away goal scored all season; 27 different players used by both Zoff and Zaccheroni without either of them managing to field the same formation in consecutive games.

Lazio's problems began with the summer sale of three key elements of the successful side of the past four seasons – Argentinian playmaker Juan Veron, Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved and Chilean striker Marcelo Salas. What was not immediately clear was that Zoff was working on borrowed time since senior figures at the club (including, reportedly, Massimo Cragnotti, director and son of owner Sergio Cragnotti) did not believe he was the ideal man to guide a post-Veron and Nedved Lazio renaissance.

The squad Zaccheroni inherited in mid-September, while being packed with world-class talent, was distinctly low in morale after a summer marked by important player defections, uncertainty about the coach and even the short-lived threat from Sergio Cragnotti to pull out of the club and soccer entirely. Speaking to *World Soccer* not long after he took up his new appointment, Zaccheroni said optimistically: "I think Lazio are one of the best teams in the world and can play against anybody. We just need to get ourselves back on the right track."

Alas, those words were uttered before the fatal five-day period during which Lazio were beaten 2-0 by city cousins Roma on the eve of their 1-0 loss to Nantes. In retrospect, Roma may have struck a doubly-telling blow at their cross-town rivals, not only winning the first of the two annual derbies but also so badly damaging already bruised Lazio morale that Zaccheroni's side could simply never raise their game against Nantes.

While it is true that injuries to Argentinian Diego Simeone (out for the rest of the season), captain Alessandro Nesta and Argentinian striker Hernan Crespo, both short-term, hardly helped Zaccheroni, it is also true that Lazio continue to be penalised by the less than mindblowing form of 'new boys' Stefano Fiore and Spaniard Gaizka Mendieta. Another of the new boys, ex-Perugia midfielder Fabio Liverani, was ineligible for the Champions League, while Argentinian striker Claudio Lopez remains a pale shadow of the player who proved so influential for Valencia two seasons ago.

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For the time being, while Lazio think about yet further purchases (Roberto Muzzi of Udinese and Hakan Unsal of Galatasaray are allegedly on the shopping list), Zaccheroni can console himself that not only will he have more time to work on his new club, but also that his teams tend to play well right to the end of the season.

"Udinese finished third with me right at the end of the season, while with Milan I won the championship on the last day. I've always managed to build a team that plays well right to the end of the championship," he said.

No end of trouble...Lazio's Alessandro Nesta and Dino Baggio can't believe the refere

Lazio, of course, were not the only big name to find themselves in the relegation zone by the end of October. Parma, already eliminated from the Champions League at the pre-qualifying stage by Lille, went from bad to worse when coach Renzo Ulivieri effectively dismissed himself on the eve of the club's UEFA Cup tie against Utrecht.

The circumstances of Ulivieri's split from the club make for interesting reflection. The coach himself intimated to Parma owner Calisto Tanzi that he should be sacked, arguing that the club had irrevocably weakened his position by getting in contact with possible replacements (ex-Juventus and Parma coach Carlo Ancelotti and former Argentina and Uruguay coach Daniel Passarella). "All these contacts left me in a weakened position. A coach, however, needs to be in a strong position vis a vis his group of players. You could ask me why I just didn't hand in my cards. Frankly, after losing my job, I didn't want to lose my money," Ulivieri said.

By forcing Parma to sack him, Ulivieri, of course, guaranteed that he remains on the Parma payroll until such time as either his contract runs out or he finds a new job.

In the event, Passarella took the job, signing a two-year contract, but as with Zaccheroni at Lazio, he will have his work cut out trying to rebuild morale and confidence at a club that could yet live to regret the premature sacking of successful coach Alberto Malesani last January. Remember, Malesani's departure was followed by the three-week reign of Arrigo Sacchi, himself replaced by Ulivieri.

Adding wickedly delicious salt to

ision during a 2-0 defeat by Milan

Parma wounds was the fact that the games that finally sealed Ulivieri's fate were a 1-0 away defeat by revelations Chievo and a 2-2 home draw a week later to Chievo's larger city cousins, Verona. Need one add that the Verona coach is a certain Alberto Malesani.

The managerial merry-go-round continued when Fatih Terim was given his marching orders by Milan just four months into his reign. The wily Turkish coach seemed to have the team on the right lines but "a series of poor results", according to owner Silvio Berlusconi and the Milan hierarchy, was too much to take. A 1-0 defeat at Torino proved the last straw and Ancelotti was appointed as his successor.

It was hardly a surprise, though, when bottom-of-the table Venezia dispensed with Cesare Prandelli's services. Alfredo Magni is now at the helm, alongside Beppe Iachini.

Both Milan and Parma can at least take consolation from the fact that they are still on target in the UEFA Cup. Indeed, Italian clubs seem to have refound winning ways in Europe (Lazio excepted), with Roma and Juventus making it into the second phase of the Champions League, and with Milan, Inter and even Fiorentina going through with Parma into the third round of the UEFA Cup.

Things have not exactly gone swimmingly for the Florence club in recent months. Having seen off the mid-summer threat of liquidation, the club still seek a new owner or, more likely, consortium of owners. In the meantime, the players continue to be owed back-dated salaries and bonuses for last season's Italian Cup win as well as this season's UEFA Cup run.

Even if the players have, for the time being, promised to wait for the club to sort out their off-the-pitch difficulties, coach Roberto Mancini continues to have problems. By the beginning of November, eight first-team regulars were on the injury list.

Enrico Chiesa (out for the rest of the season) is the only long-term victim, but the injury crisis was such that Mancini was even tempted to pull on his togs again. In the end, he may have to settle for the battling qualities of captain Angelo Di Livio and recently-acquired veteran striker Maurizio Ganz. Fiorentina may be down but they are certainly not out.

Forcing Parma's hand...Ulivieri

## Pro-file Mohamed Kallon

# Sierra Leone striker making an impact at Inter – after six years

IT WAS the opening day of the Italian season. Internazionale were home to Perugia and 60,000 fans turned up more in hope than expectation. They had suffered all last season and knew Ronaldo was not yet fit enough to revive all those dreams of glory.

'Bobo' Vieri was thus partnered up front by Mohamed Kallon, a 21-year-old from Sierra Leone whom Inter had signed six years ago yet never trusted with an outing in the blue and black stripes. Now, in the absence of Ronaldo, needs must.

Kallon's first interventions in the Perugia penalty box were not happy, but mid-half he shot Inter ahead then scored again just before the interval. The new hero of the San Siro dashed directly to the bench to embrace Hector Cuper, the first Inter coach to trust him with Serie A duty.

Sandro Mazzola, Inter's 1960s hero and later general manager, discovered Kallon at a youth tournament in Sweden and brought him to Italy. Soon afterwards, however, Mazzola departed and Kallon's talents were forgotten as he was pushed out on loan around the likes of Switzerland's Lugano then Bologna, Genoa, Cagliari, Reggina and Vicenza.

Kallon's goals were his 26th and 27th in Serie A. But his words revealed his impatience. He said: "I have waited such a long time, six painful years, to show what I could do."

The boy from Freetown, the Sierra Leone capital, wears No 3 at Inter. He says: "I chose it on purpose. I don't like double numbers. It's superstition. But what matters most is that I have started scoring goals in an Inter shirt. That's more important than the number on my back."

He knew, of course, he would be back on the bench once Ronaldo was fit, but pointed out: "Football is a strange game. You never know what will happen." Kallon was not far off the mark. Just as Ronaldo began to emerge into the first-team limelight after more than a year's absence with knee trouble, so Vieri was injured and Kallon duly marched on with Inter to top the table temporarily.

The next-to-youngest of seven children, Kallon started to play on the streets of Freetown. He played for his school team and the Edmonds club and then, still only 14, was persuaded to join powerful Al-Tadamon in Lebanon. The Sierra Leone federation could not stop him earning money beyond his wildest dreams but monitored his progress and so, at 15 years eight months, he became the youngest international of all time. In 1995 Sierra Leone played in the tournament in Sweden that led to Inter's offer.

"Playing for Inter alongside footballers such as Vieri and Clarence Seedorf has been an experience in itself," he says. "They are all champions. I am not. But perhaps they can help me become one."

*Keir Radnedge*

### Fact file

**Club** Internazionale (Ita)
**Country** Sierra Leone
**Born** October 6, 1979, in Freetown
**Previous clubs** Edmonds, Al-Tadamon (Leb), Sponga (Swe), Lugano (Swi), Bologna (Ita), Genoa (Ita), Cagliari (Ita), Reggina (Ita), Vicenza (Ita)

# Depor outshine Real-Barça showdown

## The La Coruna club are genuine contenders at home and in Europe, writes Jeff King

AS SO often is the case, Spain's bi-annual 'game of the century' (sic) was not even the Liga's game of the day (that honour went to Deportivo La Coruna's 5-1 thrashing of Osasuna).

Real Madrid's best player in their 2-0 victory against Barcelona was Steve McManaman, whose transformation from flatter-to-deceive winger into reliable midfield all-rounder is now an indisputable fact.

Iker Casillas, Fernando Hierro and fresh-faced defenders Francisco Pavon and Bravo also came out of the game with plenty of credit.

Barça's best two players were also defenders, Carles Puyol and Philippe Christanval. That tells you what kind of 90 minutes it was.

"You have to take on Real Madrid like a *torero*," said Barça coach Carles Rexach beforehand. "First, you tease the bull a bit on the right, then you tease him a bit on the left, and then you go for the jugular." Not for the first time this season, his team managed the first two steps but forgot about the third.

"We were almost always in control of the game," said Rexach afterwards. "We played all the football, but Madrid scored the goals." To which his Real counterpart, Vicente Del Bosque, replied: "Barça's was a false domination because they had little penetration and hardly caused us any problems."

Fernando Morientes opened the scoring after 24 minutes with his first goal since March. Luis Figo sealed Madrid's victory in the dying seconds with his first goal against his former club. "It's not special scoring against Barcelona," he said, "I'm indifferent about that." Like everything else, it seems.

The Portuguese player is in the worst form of his life. You could count on one hand the number of times the erstwhile wing-wizard has gone past a full-back and delivered a decent cross this season. His body language gives off negative vibes, he looks heavier than usual and he wears a constant frown. He celebrated his goal against Barça on his 29th birthday by kicking the corner flag. Even the Madrid fans have been on his back. To his credit, Figo refuses to hide, even on days when nothing comes off for him.

Like Figo, Raul brings true grit to the table even on his bad days. Despite spending the build-up to the Bernabeu showdown in bed with gastroenteritis, he was his usual hustling and bustling presence and proved instrumental in both Madrid's goals.

Raul's attitude is irreproachable. The news that FIFA would allow Rivaldo to report for international duty 48 hours later than the norm enabling him to play in Madrid was received like anthrax by most Real employees. Raul, by contrast, was delighted. "It's better Rivaldo plays," he said, "you want the opposition to have their best players so you can beat them in a fair fight."

He takes that Corinthian spirit on to the field as well. When Rivaldo and Hierro embarked on their now traditional head-butting competition, guess who thrust his slight frame between them?

The last three European Footballers of the Year were in action at the Bernabeu. That tells you a lot about the Spanish League's claims to European hegemony. The fact that Raul has been a more consistent performer than Zidane, Rivaldo and Figo over the past three seasons also tells you everything about who deserves to win the award this year.

"Raul just gets better and better," says Jorge Valdano, who gave the then 17-year-old striker his debut in October 1994. "He has that rare ability to learn something new from every game."

The week before the Barça clash, Raul celebrated seven years of first-team duty in customary fashion, scoring the 87th-minute winner in Madrid's 3-2 victory at Villarreal. That's 129 goals in 263 League games, three Spanish titles, two European Cups and one World Club Cup. And he's still only 24.

Real Madrid's victory moved them to within three points of Barcelona and kept the Galician pacemakers in their sights.

This time last year, Madrid's 5-1 victory over Las Palmas was the first of eight in a row that saw them rise from seventh to top by mid-January, a position they would never surrender. Despite their inconsistent start, Madrid are quite capable of putting that kind of run together again. Champions League soirees with Panathinaikos, FC Porto and Sparta Prague should help them focus on their domestic chores.

Barcelona's Champions League progress means the dreaded crisis word hasn't made its habitual autumnal appearance at Camp Nou. In three of the past four seasons Barça failed to get beyond the opening group stage. Five wins in six games made them the most convincing group winners this time around.

"That gives us breathing space until March," admits Rexach. In this case, 'us' also means 'me'. Barça's pretensions of grandeur vis-a-vis Europe (one European Cup is nothing to write home about unless you're, say, Steaua Bucharest or Hamburg) proved Louis Van Gaal's undoing. And Llorenc Serra Ferrer failed to weather a single winter of discontent after last season's premature KO.

**Real revels...McManaman hugs Figo after the Portuguese winger's match-clinching goal against Barça**

Galician goal joy...Deportivo's Diego Tristan (far left) sees his header beat Fabien Barthez at Old Trafford

Whether Barça will survive to make April's quarter-finals remains to be seen. Rexach admits they were handed a benign opening group. For benign (Bayer Leverkusen, Lyon and Fenerbahce) bring on brutal (Liverpool, Roma and Galatasaray).

Like Barça, Real Madrid and Deportivo were group winners. The day after Depor's 3-2 victory at Manchester United, the front cover of the Spanish sports daily *AS* boasted "Not a single ticket for sale". That wasn't a reference to Super Depor's next game but the Real Madrid v Barcelona clash a full 17 days later. The news that Depor had secured a famous victory at Old Trafford merited a diminutive box in the corner. When Madrid won by the same score at Old Trafford in 1999, *AS* produced a special fold-out cover spread with the words "As good as it gets".

They may not get the kudos they deserve but in La Coruna, at least, there's a feeling that winning at Old Trafford represents a watershed. By becoming only the sixth European visitors to win there and the first to beat Manchester United home and away in the space of a week, Depor's cachet rose enormously.

Provincial outposts like Galicia aren't supposed to produce credible European contenders. In the 45 years since Real Madrid won the first European Cup, only one club from a city comparable in size and status to La Coruna have won the competition, and Planet Football has changed beyond recognition since Nottingham Forest's triumphs in 1979 and 1980.

The Champions League and G-14 – football's two-headed symbol of globalisation – were designed to squeeze out the little guys. That Deportivo, who didn't make their bow in European competition until 1993, now rate first among equals in a Champions League group with Juventus and Arsenal is a staggering achievement. "You're talking about three teams on the same level," says Juve coach Marcello Lippi. And he's not being patronising.

Depor certainly aren't intimidated by their big-city rivals from Turin and London. "You can't make history if you don't beat the best," says chairman Augusto Lendoiro. "If we're in the second phase it's because we twice beat Manchester United, the most powerful club in the world."

Depor's historic win at Old Trafford was achieved without Fran, Mauro Silva, Roy Makaay, Goran Djorovic, Manuel Pablo and Djalminha. In the second half they also had to make do without injured keeper Francisco Molina. That's akin to Fabien Barthez hobbling off at half-time to join Ryan Giggs, Roy Keane, Paul Scholes, Laurent Blanc, Gary Neville and Juan Veron (the nearest equivalent to Depor's missing half-dozen) on the bench.

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>
> *Deportivo chairman Augusto Lendoiro*

Admittedly, Barthez's comic turn was a major handicap on the night, but fortune favours the bold and Alex Ferguson was magnanimous enough to recognise that a slick-passing Depor side took the game to United at every opportunity.

Real Madrid and Barcelona have more star names but there's little doubt that Depor have the most balanced squad in Spain. Wherever you look coach Javier Irureta is spoilt for choice. Donato or Djorovic at centre-half? Juan Valeron or Djalminha as playmaker? Mauro Silva and Emerson or Duscher and Sergio as dual midfield pivots? Victor or Lionel Scaloni on the right side of midfield? Fran or Jose Amavisca on the left? Diego Tristan or Makaay or Walter Pandiani up front?

Natural alternatives all over the park mean Irureta wastes no time on tactical soul-searching; if one of his players is missing he simply replaces him with a clone. "Our squad is the envy of Europe," says Tristan, who enhanced his reputation with two clinical finishes at Old Trafford. "Whoever plays in any given role can do an excellent job and whatever team we field is capable of beating any opposition."

Deportivo's success also proves that you can compete at the highest level without breaking the bank. Record signing Sergio cost a relatively modest £10.5million from Espanyol. Jose Amavisca was a £1.1m bargain from Racing Santander. Djorovic and Hector were out of contract at Celta and Sevilla. That's four new recruits this season at £11.6m, small change for Europe's heavyweights.

Amavisca was a typically shrewd Depor acquisition. Twice a League champion at Real Madrid in the mid-1990s, the 30-year-old winger's career looked on the slide when his three-year spell at Racing ended with relegation last season. But Irureta, for one, had noticed that Amavisca was a beacon in a poor side.

For several years Depor captain Fran has had no real competition on the left side of midfield. Amavisca not only provides cover, but also an alternative, his swashbuckling thrust a variant on Fran's measured guile. When Amavisca plays he's a breath of fresh air; when Fran does he's more motivated than ever.

Tristan and Valeron are both in a state of grace this season. In the past Tristan's tendency to blow hot and cold seemed to go hand in hand with his reputation as a disco boy. These days the flourishes (he'll never kick a ball when a back-heel will do) are accompanied by effectiveness: he was La Liga's top scorer after 11 games with seven goals.

Valeron's reputation as a flatter-to-deceive player dates back to his days at Atletico Madrid. In Djalminha's injury-enforced absence, he's been in the most consistent, cutting-edge form of his life.

Together, the duo's telepathic understanding is impossible to defend against. It's also good news for Spain coach Jose Camacho.

Valencia were second behind Depor and Spain's only unbeaten side after 11 games. Rafa Benitez for Hector Cuper was supposed to signal a tactical sea-change at Valencia. Where Cuper was vilified for his conservative tactics, Benitez was pitched as an attacking guru. For the moment, however, it's more of the same at Mestalla. Four of Valencia's five wins were by a single goal, and a modest 14 goals in 11 games is not evidence of a stylistic transformation.

Before the season there was a feeling Mallorca would struggle to compete on two fronts; unfortunately, they haven't competed on either. A 4-0 home defeat by Schalke in the Champions League on top of five defeats in seven League games ended Bernd Krauss's brief spell as coach.

The new man in charge is Sergio Kresic. "Only charlatans claim they've got a magic wand," said the former Burgos, Marbella, Betis, Merida, Valladolid and Las Palmas coach on taking over. Mallorca's 3-1 defeat at Arsenal immediately proved him right and ended the islanders' interest in the Champions League.

# Anelka still blowing hot and cold

## Andre Duclos on yet another return to form for the PSG forward

Ups and downs...Anelka's season has been typically turbulent

NICOLAS ANELKA – eternal enigma. Not merely in terms of his often sullen behaviour, his wildly alternating form, but also in terms of how, when he seems on the brink of withdrawal, of putting his mentors to the test once too often, he suddenly and surprisingly comes back to form.

We saw it at Real Madrid, when he seemed to have cast himself out of the squad, let alone the side, at odds with all and sundry. Then back he came, if not to stay at least to play again, to score again.

Then it was back to Paris Saint-Germain, the team Anelka walked out on as a sulky teenager, complaining he wasn't getting a chance in the first team.

In charge on Anelka's return to PSG was Luis Fernandez, the manager who had launched him and knew him so well. Too well, perhaps. For quite early this season the forward was in trouble again, accused of swinging the lead in training and not doing enough when on the field. Thus he was dropped by a frustrated Fernandez from a crucial game at home to Lyon.

So that was that, then. Oh no, it wasn't. A few days later who was back in the team to meet Rapid Wien in the UEFA Cup? Right, it was Anelka. And who scores the third goal after 55 minutes in a 4-0 win? Yes, Anelka.

On the European front, all praise to France's three competitors in the Champions League, with wholly unpredictable Nantes – last season's domestic champions – keeping their hopes alive the longest of the lot.

Lille and Lyon failed to qualify, but acquitted themselves more than honourably – and can still look forward to the UEFA Cup. Remember that it was only right at the death, in Lyon, that Gerard scored the goal to give Barcelona a 3-2 victory. In La Coruna, Deportivo, who had beaten Manchester United at Old Trafford the previous week, couldn't get the better of resilient Lille, who then drew with

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# Lauterer lose the plot

## Bayern march to the top after Ratinho and Basler speak out of turn. Nick Bidwell reports

SURPRISE early season pacesetters Kaiserslautern must be regretting the lack of humility they showed before their 4-1 loss at Bayern Munich, a comprehensive defeat that allowed Bayern to leapfrog them into top spot in the Bundesliga.

Of course, the *Lauterer* had good cause to feel that all was right with the world before travelling to the Olympiastadion. Eight wins out of a possible nine was a fine start to the campaign by anyone's standards.

But the ill-advised comments about Bayern from Red Devils stars Ratinho and Mario Basler were not the best way to prepare for a showdown with the German and European champions.

Ratinho informed the media that there was absolutely no need for his side to tremble over the prospect of facing Bayern – "They have 11 men on the pitch like us, and each one of them only has two eyes and two legs" – while Basler, who was kicked out by Bayern two years ago for repeated disciplinary indiscretions, could not resist the temptation to launch a series of volleys towards his former employers.

"There are double standards in operation at Bayern," he said. "They got rid of me, but Stefan Effenberg hits a woman in the face [an alleged incident in a Munich disco] and the club do nothing, even though [Bayern coach] Ottmar Hitzfeld had said that strict new rules would apply to the whole squad. Giovane Elber has said Bayern should have sacked me earlier. He should keep his mouth shut."

Basler then thought it wise to talk up Kaiserslautern's chances, no doubt motivating the Bavarians more than any Hitzfeld team talk. "The pressure is not on us but Bayern," said the midfielder. "We will not be afraid of them. I saw them in their last two games and I wasn't too impressed."

Not for the first time, Basler would end up with egg on his face. Not only was he left out of the starting line-up, but Bayern instantly went into steamroller mode and were 3-0 up within 29 minutes thanks to in-form Paraguayan Roque Santa Cruz and a brace from the increasingly influential Bosnian midfielder Hasan Salihamidzic.

The match was effectively over and the trading of late goals – a Harry Koch spot-kick for Kaiserslautern and a cool finish from Bayern's Peruvian Claudio Pizarro – was merely academic.

No matter that Bayern have a lengthy injury list – including the midfield quartet of Effenberg, Jens Jeremies, Mehmet Scholl and Niko Kovac – or that Hitzfeld continuously rotates his starting line-up. The net result never changes: utter professionalism, great teamwork, boundless spirit and victory.

The following week, Bayern claimed their eighth consecutive Bundesliga win of the season, 2-0 away to Koln, and with 27 goals scored and only four conceded, the Bavarians appear to have the formula right at both ends of the pitch.

It seems they will be even stronger next term. Leverkusen sweeper Jens Nowotny and midfield ace Michael Ballack are widely tipped to be on their way to Munich and a deal to bring in Hertha Berlin and *Nationalmannschaft* schemer Sebastian Deisler is already rubber-stamped. Bayern general manager Uli Hoeness has admitted they have a pre-contract agreement with Deisler, though he swerved around claims that the starlet has received a £6.5million advance bung. "We may have granted Deisler a

United in their final game to ensure UEFA Cup qualification.

As for Nantes, whose 0-0 draw with PSV in Eindhoven and 1-0 defeat of Lazio put them into the Champions League second phase, you wonder what comes over them in their domestic League encounters.

Perhaps that talented, left-sided midfielder Olivier Quint, who joined Nantes from Sedan in the summer, has something of an explanation, though hardly a total one.

Quint's was the lone voice to inveigh against the way Eric Carriere – so important a figure in the Nantes midfield – had been treated. For Quint, it was incomprehensible that Carriere had actually started the season with Nantes, for whom he's insisted he was 100 per cent devoted, only to be sold to Lyon.

It could hardly be contested that Nantes, who had also let their leading scorer, Olivier Monterrubio, leave for Rennes, needed time for their new side to settle, as Quint pointed out. That said, Nantes must sooner or later come climbing the table.

English clubs have swooped again. After the exodus of Frenchmen to Fulham over the summer, former France Under-21 defender Francois Grenet has joined Derby County for £3million from Bordeaux, while Le Havre's Florent Sinama Pongolle is set to join Liverpool in 2002. He was star of the show in the FIFA Under-17 World Championship in Trinidad, scorer of a record nine goals as France took the title.

Little Le Havre have pocketed a fortune for Sinama Pongolle, a remarkable young striker, born in the French territory of Reunion, but who emigrated to France at the age of 11.

Sinama Pongolle's goal tally in Trinidad surpassed the previous tournament record, set by German-Pole Marcel Witeczek, who never really fulfilled his potential after his eight-goal haul in China in 1985.

Lauterer destroyer...Salihamidzic

sum of money – something like a loan," declared Hoeness, "but nothing illegal or underhand has taken place."

As Bayern anticipate the arrival of Germany's top young talent, the atmosphere across town at 1860 is positively funereal. A 5-1 drubbing at the hands of Bayern was as much as president Karl-Heinz Wildmoser could take and he duly axed long-serving coach Werner Lorant, replacing him with the double act of ex-assistant coach Peter Pacult and the club's former Dutch libero, Gerald Vanenburg.

This was a surprising development to say the least. For nine years Wildmoser and Lorant formed an apparently indivisible combination on the 1860 bridge and together turned them from run-of-the-mill Third Division side to respectable Bundesliga outfit.

But with 1860 hovering just above the relegation zone this season and stories of rampant anti-Lorant feeling filtering out of the dressing-room, Wildmoser explained he had no choice.

He said: "I had to act decisively as the coach had declared he couldn't influence the team any more. Clearly something was badly wrong."

A stunned Lorant said: "Wildmoser and I were friends, but our relationship is no more. I always thought I could rely on his support. I don't know what went wrong."

## Pro-file Pegguy Luyindula

# Strasbourg rebel now fighting for Lyon's cause

PEGGUY LU got transferred. In desperate need of more attackers following the departure to Fulham of Steve Marlet and Brazilian Sonny Anderson's injury problems, Lyon had no choice but to pull out the chequebook and pay Strasbourg £5.5million for promising French Under-21 striker Pegguy Luyindula.

The parting of the ways of Luyindula and Strasbourg was no bolt from the blue. Indeed, they had been engaged in a stand-off for a year or more, with Luyindula demanding to leave and club president Patrick Proisy, the ex-tennis star, returning serve in the negative.

Back in May, the relationship looked to have broken down altogether. According to Luyindula, Strasbourg agreed to increase his monthly salary from £5,500 to £20,000, only to pay the new figure for two months before demanding their money back.

The club retorted that the new deal was shelved because Luyindula had shown no inclination to sign it.

"They treat me like a slave," stormed Luyindula, whose father Maki was a Zairean international. "The pay rise was my reward for my performances, but when they made the offer I was away with the Under-21s and could not sign anything. I have no intention of giving the money back. It's not as if I stole it. What Strasbourg are doing is wrong and I'm desperate to leave."

Luyindula subsequently played a pivotal role in Strasbourg's French Cup triumph last season. But with the team also being relegated, it seemed inevitable he would be sold to reduce the club's £11m debts. Not so. Interest from Liverpool, Bolton, Ipswich, Blackburn and West Ham did not crystallise into acceptable offers, Lyon had a £4.8m bid rejected, and Luyindula turned down an approach from Juventus – apparently on the advice of Thierry Henry, who had an unhappy spell there a couple of years ago.

Against all the odds, Luyindula was still at Strasbourg when this season began and, equally amazingly, showed he was not just going through the motions by scoring five goals in the first five games. Then, in late August, Lyon put in an increased bid, and this time Strasbourg said *oui*.

Luyindula is already showing up well at his new club, with goals against Nantes and Rennes underlining what an excellent finisher he can be. "Despite everything, I learnt a lot at Strasbourg," says Luyindula. "But there's no point denying by joining Lyon I've moved up a level."

It could be just the fillip he needs to force his way into the full national squad.

*Nick Bidwell*

**Fact file**

**Club** Lyon
**Country** France
**Born** May 25, 1979, in Kinshasa (Zaire)
**Previous clubs** Niort, Strasbourg
**Honours** French Cup 2001 (Strasbourg)

# Ajax fear Van der Vaart departure

The teenage midfielder could be on his way before the end of the season, says Klaas-Jan Droppert

## HOLLAND

HOW long can Ajax resist the offers from Europe's biggest clubs for Rafael Van der Vaart?

The 18-year-old made his mark as a key influence in midfield last season, but this term another of his qualities has come to the fore. After 11 games, Van der Vaart was League top scorer with nine goals, a haul that had gone a long way to putting Ajax top of the table.

Now fears are growing at the club that Van der Vaart's superb form could lead to him being sold even before the end of the season.

Despite media speculation that the teenager would make his international debut against Andorra in the final World Cup qualifier, Holland coach Louis Van Gaal initially omitted him, saying he was needed by the Under-21s. However, Van der Vaart was drafted in because of injuries to the original selection, and made his senior international debut as a substitute.

Meanwhile, speculation has been mounting about the future of Van Gaal in the wake of Holland's failure to qualify for the World Cup. The coach has a contract until 2006 and has expressed his burning desire to win the World Cup. However, there are doubts about whether he has the patience to wait another five years to try to achieve this goal – and it is believed the former Barcelona boss would like to coach a leading European club side again.

Van Gaal is currently canvassing the opinion of his players and says he will make a decision by the New Year. Rangers boss Dick Advocaat is the favourite to succeed Van Gaal should he decide to go.

Like the national team, Dutch clubs have been losing their way in Europe. Feyenoord and PSV both failed to qualify for the second group phase of the Champions League, while Ajax, Utrecht and Twente all bowed out in the second round of the UEFA Cup.

Only Roda JC qualified in the latter competition, although PSV and Feyenoord both enter at the third round stage having finished third in their Champions League groups.

Wanted man...Van der Vaart has attracted Europe's top clubs

Euro goal...Anderlecht's Ivica Mornar

## BELGIUM

### Anderlecht face the fall-out

RECRIMINATIONS were loud and long at the Constant Vanden Stock Stadion following Anderlecht's Champions League exit.

One look at the intimidating Group A line-up on the day of the draw was enough to convince everyone at the club that the realistic limit of their ambitions was third place and a UEFA Cup spot. But not even that modest feat was achieved after Anderlecht crashed inexplicably to their heaviest home defeat in Europe – a 5-1 mauling by Lokomotiv Moscow.

The pundits have been blaming coach Aime Anthuenis for not spending more wisely the money made from last season's League-winning campaign and the transfers of Tomasz Radzinski, Jan Koller, Bart Goor and Didier Dheedene.

Anthuenis brought in a hotch-potch of replacements, one of whom, Croatian Ivica Mornar, did at least score a splendid goal in Italy that enabled Anderlecht to gain a creditable 1-1 draw against Roma and finish with some self-respect still intact.

But there has not even been much comfort in the domestic championship. Anderlecht's return to next season's Champions League is by no means guaranteed now they are ensconced in mid-table after suffering a second League defeat, 1-0 to Standard Liege.

Former national team assistant coach Ariel Jacobs has succeeded Daniel Leclercq at La Louviere, having been sacked last April by RWD Molenbeek after three years in charge.

Jacob's replacement, Patrick Thairet, lasted a fraction of that time. He presided over the club's promotion to the top flight but his team failed to win any of their first seven games back in Division One.

Emilio Ferrera was suddenly the man in demand, despite his recent dismissal by Beveren. Knowing that the Spaniard was poised to join La Louviere – before Jacobs did – RWDM snapped him up.

Ferrera's successor at Beveren is Jean-Marc Guillou, the former France midfielder, who has recently been coaching in Africa.

*Nicholas Harling*

## PORTUGAL

### Oporto Two scrape through

THE Oporto clubs made it through to the second group phase of the Champions League, although it was something of a scramble for both.

A single goal from Pena was enough for FC Porto to overcome Rosenborg at home in the final match, putting them a point ahead of third-placed Celtic.

It was even tighter for Boavista. They lost on the final day, 1-0 away to Kyiv Dynamo, and had group winners Liverpool to thank for beating Borussia Dortmund on the same evening. Boavista and Dortmund finished on eight points and dead level on head-to-head record since both had won their home fixture 2-1. The Portuguese side went through because of superior goal difference.

It was a good deal easier for Sporting Lisbon in the UEFA Cup second round. They beat Halmstads of Sweden 7-1 on aggregate, Mario Jardel hitting a hat-trick in the 6-0 second leg victory.

In the League, the two Champions League representatives were out front at the top after 11 rounds. However, Benfica put themselves right back in

contention after finally overcoming their away-day jinx. They ended an eight-month run without a win on the road when beating Farense 2-0 at the end of October.

*Alberto da Silva*

## LUXEMBOURG

### Simonsen takes the helm

LONG-TERM Faroe Islands coach and former Danish international Allan Simonsen has been appointed Luxembourg's national team boss following the dismissal of Paul Philipp.

Simonsen, in charge of the Faroes for eight years, takes over officially on January 1 on a four-year contract. Philipp, Luxembourg coach since 1984, was fired following the 6-2 defeat in Yugoslavia in October, the final World Cup qualifier.

*Tim Brice*

## REP IRELAND

### Roving Rovers journey to the top

SHAMROCK ROVERS have had a nomadic existence in recent years, having played their home games at The Royal Dublin Society grounds in Ballsbridge, Dalymount Park, Tolka Park and Morton stadium in Santry since the previous owners of the club sold Glenmalure Park in 1986.

After starting the season at Tolka Park, The Hoops have now moved again, back to the south side of Dublin, where they are sharing Richmond Park with St Patrick's Athletic. They hope to move to their new permanent home ground, in nearby Tallaght, next spring.

The recent changes do not seem to be affecting the players – at the end of October, Rovers were the surprise leaders of the Premier Division.

A new board at struggling Galway United meant the sack for Dave Connell and a return to the club for the third time as manager of Tony Mannion. It was certainly a case of third time lucky as Galway beat Monaghan 8-0 in Mannion's first game back, the club's record win since joining the League 25 years ago.

*Sean Creedon*

## SWITZERLAND

### Zaugg saved by Gut

PETER WIDMER, president of champions Grasshopper, was forced to abandon plans to sack coach Hans-Peter Zaugg after the club's owners intervened.

The triumvirate of industrialists, headed by Rainer E Gut, chairman of Swiss food giant Nestle, refused to allow the dismissal to go ahead, despite Grasshopper's recent run of poor results. These had resulted in the one-time League leaders plummeting to seventh place, one above the cut for the relegation play-offs.

Widmer publicly criticised Zaugg after Grasshopper's 3-0 home defeat by Sion – their fourth in five matches – and made no secret of his intention to

Reprieve...Hans-Peter Zaugg

replace him with Marcel Koller, currently at St Gallen. But the owners confirmed their confidence in Zaugg – and a subsequent 0-0 draw in St Gallen was hailed almost like a victory by the jubilant coach.

Argentinian striker Christian Gimenez scored four goals in Basle's 5-1 win over Neuchatel Xamax, a result that put his club four points clear at the top.

Lausanne's Senegalese striker Pape Thiaw was banned for 12 matches for punching Servette's Sebastien Fournier at half-time during his side's 3-0 home defeat in September. Thiaw claimed he hit Fournier because the midfielder had racially abused him.

*Ivar von Rulach*

## Pro-file Wesley Sonck

# Genk forward backing his confident words with goals

SELF-CONFIDENCE has never been a rare commodity for goalscoring sensation Wesley Sonck of Genk. Some may have scoffed early last season when the then uncapped forward claimed that he and fellow Genk front-runner David Paas formed the best attacking tandem in Belgium, more potent even than Anderlecht's Jan Koller and Tomasz Radzinski.

But those who thought Sonck was an arrogant upstart would have to think again. On the back of 13 League goals during 2000-01 and a succession of wholehearted displays, 'Wes' was drafted into the Belgian national squad in June for a World Cup qualifying double-header, notching his first international goal as a substitute in the Red Devils' 4-1 win over San Marino.

Sonck, who joined Genk from Germinal Beerschot in summer 2000, has not let the momentum slip. With two hat-tricks for Genk in the first three League games of this season, he was the natural choice to step into the international breach when Emile Mpenza was forced to withdraw through injury from the home World Cup qualifier against Scotland in September. "I won't have any worries about playing Wesley," said coach Robert Waseige before the game. "He has the speed and the strength of character to make an impact."

How right Waseige was. Sonck's blistering change of pace, clever movement and inexhaustible vitality terrorised the Scottish back line, and he capped his performance by creating his side's opening goal – putting Nico Van Kerckhoven through with a sublime pass.

Sonck was rightly given a standing ovation by the 50,000 crowd when taken off eight minutes from time. "Though it was the biggest match of my life, I was determined not to let the pressure get to me," said the 23-year-old. "The atmosphere at the Heysel was incredible. It brought out the best of me."

Sonck is undoubtedly an outstanding prospect and comparisons with recent European striking greats sit easily. He has the same short, stocky build and explosiveness as ex-France front-man Jean-Pierre Papin, while he boasts the technical mastery of former Belgian international Marc Degryse. No surprise there. After all, Sonck and Degryse used to team up for Germinal Beerschot.

Genk, surprise challengers for the Belgian League title this season, naturally hope to hold Sonck to a contract that runs until June 2004. Some of Europe's top clubs will have other ideas, though.

*Nick Bidwell*

### Fact file

**Club** Genk
**Country** Belgium
**Born** August 9, 1978, in Ninove
**Previous clubs** Ninove, RWDM, Germinal Ekeren, Germinal Beerschot
**International debut** June 2001, v Latvia
**International caps** 5 (1 goal)

# Doubts over Houllier's return

## Liverpool manager may play reduced role

Pressure game...Houllier's lack of fitness may have taken its toll

IT WILL be months before Gerard Houllier returns as Liverpool manager after undergoing an emergency heart operation – and even then it could be in a reduced capacity. Houllier complained of chest pains during half-time of the match against Leeds at Anfield. He was taken to hospital, where it was discovered that the lining of his aorta was ruptured and he underwent 11 hours of surgery.

Inevitably, there was much talk of the stress managers are placed under. But in Houllier's case, a more important factor would appear to be his physical fitness, or lack of it. The likes of David O'Leary, Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger all take exercise on a more regular basis and are slimmer and fitter as a result.

By placing assistant manager Phil Thompson in charge, Liverpool signalled their intention for Houllier to return as soon as possible. Chief executive Rick Parry said: "Gerard is making steady progress. I expect him to be back in two to three months."

However, such a view is ambitious given the seriousness of Houllier's condition, and chairman David Moores has since commented: "Gerard will be told to take it a lot easier. He can't be travelling all over Europe all the time."

All of which leaves Liverpool in limbo. Thompson has never been seen as a long-term successor, more of a bad cop to Houllier's good cop, as Robbie Fowler discovered to his cost during a recent training ground bust-up.

Ironically, Fowler has been in fine form since Houllier was taken ill, scoring a hat-trick at Leicester – now in the charge of Dave Bassett – while Liverpool also notched up wins over Kyiv Dynamo and Charlton and secured qualification for the Champions League second stage by beating Borussia Dortmund 2-0 at Anfield.

Liverpool remain in contention in the League, where no team have taken full advantage of Manchester United's defensive and tactical problems. Ferguson has persisted with his preferred 'European' 4-4-1-1 formation, with Paul Scholes as secondary striker to Ruud Van Nistelrooy. However, in crucial games against Leeds and Olympiakos, Ferguson has been thankful for the late intervention of 'supersub' Ole Solskjaer after the team switched to a more conventional 4-4-2. With a quarter of the season gone, the championship is shaping up as a three- or even four-horse race.

● Former Coventry boss Gordon Strachan has returned to Premier League management with Southampton, who sacked Stuart Gray after a run of poor results.

*Gavin Hamilton*

### SCOTLAND

## Arveladze sparks Rangers revival

THE initial euphoria surrounding Celtic's impressive start to their first Champions League adventure faded as their challenge petered out during the latter stages of the first group phase.

Away defeats by Porto and Rosenborg – both beaten in the home ties – killed off any realistic chance Martin O'Neill's men had of progressing in the tournament. A thrilling 4-3 win over Juventus in the final game was not enough, and the Parkhead side must now seek European glory in the UEFA Cup.

Celtic continue to strive for domestic dominance and an early-season victory over rivals Rangers at Ibrox gave them the initiative. However, it is clear that Dick Advocaat's men intend providing a more sustained challenge than last season, when Celtic swept the board.

Advocaat has strengthened his squad, particularly in the striking department, where the long-term injury problems of Michael Mols and uninspiring form of Tore Andre Flo have led to ongoing frustration.

The arrival of Georgian Shota Arveladze appears to have provided the solution. Signed from Ajax for £2million, the international forward made an immediate impact, scoring three times in his first four starts.

Dundee, who brought Claudio Caniggia to Scotland last year before selling him on to Rangers, have made a similarly ambitious foray into the transfer market, signing China defender Fan Zhiyi from Crystal Palace.

Instant impact...Shota Arveladze

Craig Brown, as expected, stood down as national coach following Scotland's failure to qualify for next year's World Cup. No successor has as yet been named.

There has been another coaching change in the League, with Motherwell appointing Eric Black, assisted by Terry Butcher, to replace the dismissed Billy Davies.

*Alan Fairley*

### WALES

## Nomads still lead the way

CONNAH'S QUAY NOMADS' consistent League form – seven games without defeat – kept them at the top of the table, while closest challengers Bangor City suffered their first reverse in a 2-1 defeat at Aberystwyth.

Last season's League Cup winners Caersws surprisingly fill one of the two relegation slots.

Bottom-placed Rhayader have appointed former Aberystwyth and Bangor City boss Meirion Appleton to replace Kim Bowley, while ex-Maesteg Park manager Mark Jones is now in charge of Port Talbot.

*Mel Thomas*

### N IRELAND

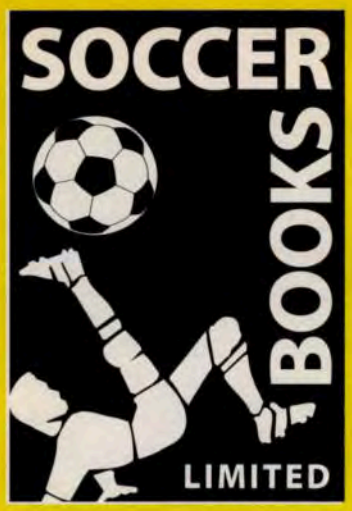
## Top bosses reach milestones

GLENTORAN and Portadown continue to set the pace in the League, with both their managers celebrating milestones in their careers.

Roy Coyle of Glentoran was in charge of his 1,300th senior game as his side beat Glenavon 1-0 at the Oval, while Ronnie McFall, at the Portadown helm since December 1986, chalked up his 400th win with the club as they beat struggling Crusaders 4-1.

The national team's stock has risen after a depressing decline following victories in Malta and at home to Iceland, plus a draw in Denmark, in the last three World Cup qualifiers.

*Roy Kitson*

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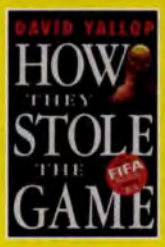


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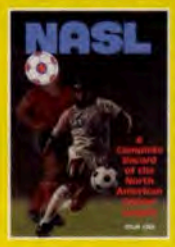


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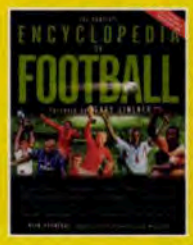


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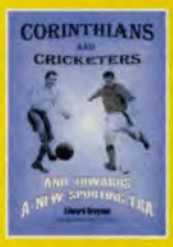


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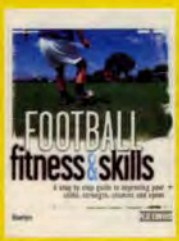


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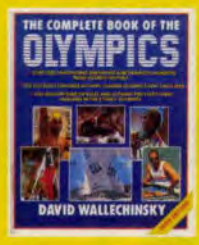


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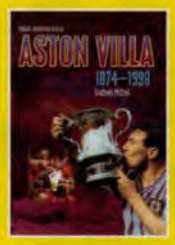


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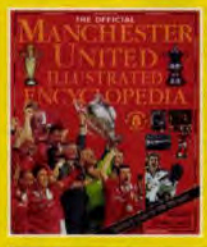


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8 Algerian attacker in France with Troyes (5)
9 Ireland midfielder whose goal ended Holland's World Cup hopes (7)
10 One-time France skipper ensconced as Monaco's technical director (9)
15 Former Portugal star honoured as Mozambique's Player of the Century (7)
18 Brazilian shown a red card in the 2001 UEFA Cup Final (5)
19 Steaua striker recruited from Arges in the summer (5)
20 Versatile Lyon squad man brought through the youth system (7)

**DOWN**

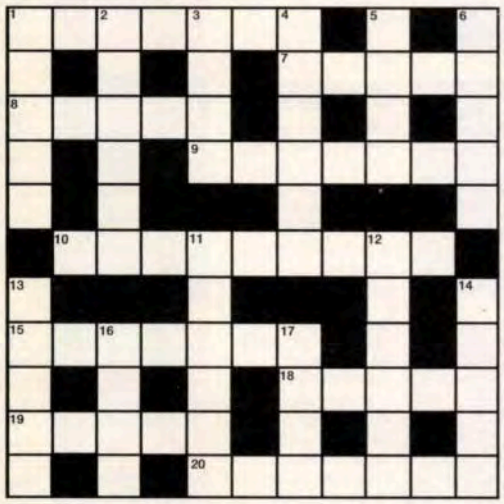
1 Rosenborg full-back first capped by Norway last season (5)
2 Ex-Sampdoria midfield man of Lyon and France (6)
3 Veteran keeper in the Ajax squad (4)
4 Genclerbirligi coach who walked out after the 2001 Turkish Cup Final (6)
5 Month in which the 2002 World Cup Final will be played (4)
6 Coach currently in charge at Switzerland's Servette (5)
11 Angola-born ex-Belenenses full-back with Benfica (6)
12 Hamburg striker previously at Wolfsburg (6)
13 Goalkeeper in Slavia Prague's UEFA Cup squad (5)
14 Swiss coach once at the helm of Spurs and Basle (5)
16 Lazio's former Man Utd stopper (4)
17 Asian country whose recent coaches have included Macala and Stange (4)

**OCTOBER SOLUTION**

**Across:** 2 Australia, 6 Nagbe, 7 Tomas, 9 Euller, 10 Doll, 12 Sarr, 14 Paauwe, 17 Repka, 18 Scifo, 19 Dudelange.
**Down:** 1 Van der Sar, 2 Argel, 3 Sweden, 4 Roth, 5 Lembo, 8 Silkeborg, 11 Hassan, 13 Rapid, 15 Uribe, 16 Ball.

**OCTOBER WINNERS**

**1st prize:** Mark Daly, London.
**5 runners-up:** Anne-Mai Nakk, Koeru, Estonia; Steve Zolezzi, Missouri, USA; Ross Hunt, Inverness-shire; Oscar Posada, Qualubiya, Egypt; Carol Cassar, San Gwann, Malta.



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Title joy...Andreas Hermansson celebrates scoring in Hammarby's win over Orgryte

# Historic day for Hammarby

Pentti Hietanen on how the long-suffering Stockholm club finally won some silverware

**SWEDEN**

PERHAPS the longest journey in Swedish soccer ended when Hammarby took their first-ever League title and indeed their first major honour since formation in 1897.

For decades, the popular Stockholm club seem to have been losing key matches when within reach of success in major competitions. A classic case was in 1982, when they beat IFK Gothenburg 2-1 away in the first leg of the championship play-off Final, only to go down 3-1 in the return at their own Soder stadium.

But not even the club's lack of silverware, continual boardroom shuffles and financial uncertainties have discouraged Hammarby's loyal fans.

True to their nature, Hammarby created a nail-biting end to this season as they faced Orgryte at home in their penultimate League game needing a win to make sure of the title. Just minutes after Kennedy Bakircioglu had put them 3-1 ahead, Orgryte pulled a goal back, raising the prospect of yet another failure in the home fans' minds. But this time there were no more goals and the jubilant supporters invaded the pitch.

"We were shaking with nerves and couldn't produce our normal game," admitted veteran goalkeeper Lasse Eriksson.

The fans already know that come next season, it will be a different-looking Hammarby. Eriksson, 36, has already announced his retirement; burly striker Andreas 'Herminator' Hermansson, one of the team's outstanding players, has been courted by a number of British clubs; and midfield artist Bakircioglu is another likely departee.

Of course, coach Soren Cratz has known for some time that he would not be at the club either next season, having been told in the middle of this campaign that his contract was not to be renewed. Said Cratz: "It is wonderful to win the championship, but I must confess that I thought that this feeling could be even greater. I am a bit disappointed that it isn't."

Who can blame him? After all, is there any other coach who has effectively been sacked while in the process of winning his club their first major trophy in 104 years!

Hacken and Trelleborgs were relegated from the top flight, their places being taken by Kalmar and Landskrona.

## NORWAY

### Rosenborg made to fight

ROSENBORG clinched their 10th straight League title, but they have never had to fight so hard to win it.

Having wasted the chance to take the championship in their previous two matches, Rosenborg had to beat Brann in Bergen on the final day to be sure of success, especially since challengers Lillestrom, just a point behind, had the seemingly easy task of beating bottom side Tromso at home.

Lillestrom duly won, 3-1, but Rosenborg brushed aside any doubts by running out 6-2 winners in their game.

Fittingly, veteran midfielder Bent Skammelsrud was among the scorers. He is the only player to have been with Rosenborg throughout their 10 years of League success, a fact that also makes him a world-record breaker.

At the bottom, Stromsgodset were relegated, along with Tromso. Kjetil Rekdal, the former Norway captain and now player-coach of Valerenga, guided his side to promotion to the top flight, alongside Start.

*Sigurd Odegaard*

## DENMARK

### Arnesen in for Laudrup?

MICHAEL LAUDRUP will step down as assistant national team coach after next summer's World Cup finals to go into club management. This is turn raises the intriguing possibility that Frank Arnesen might replace him.

Arnesen would be a fascinating choice, perhaps combining the role of technical director to the Danish FA with giving a helping hand to head national team coach Morten Olsen.

Arnesen, a member of the 1980s Danish Dynamite side – along with Laudrup and Olsen – has experience as general manager at PSV Eindhoven.

Laudrup's first port of call is unclear, though Brondby, Ajax and even Barcelona have been mentioned.

In the Superliga there have been two more coaching casualties. Poor results spelt the end for Benny Johansen at Silkeborg and Kim Poulsen at Viborg. Their replacements are Morten Bruun and Soren Kusk respectively.

*Jim Holden*

## FINLAND

### Tampere pip HJK

TAMPERE UNITED and HJK Helsinki were involved in a real dog-fight as the championship reached its climax, with Tampere holding their nerve to take the title for the first time.

Long-time leaders HJK needed a home win in their final match – against reigning champions FC Haka – but could muster only a lacklustre 1-1 draw. Meanwhile, Tampere beat FC Jazz 1-0, their seventh consecutive win, to snatch the title by a point.

Tampere, a merger club, have been in the top division for only two seasons. It is not surprising, therefore, that their young coach, Ari Hjelm, has won a lot of praise for his title achievement.

The outcome of the championship

Ten up...Bent Skammelsrud (left)

proved to be a sad end for HJK coach Jyrki Heliskoski, who was in his last season before retirement.

Arctic Circle club RoPS Rovaniemi were relegated.

*Pentti Hietanen*

## ICELAND

### Winnie ousted by e-mail

AS the playing season gave way to the silly season, the managerial merry-go-round became a manic minuet. Among the victims was KR caretaker boss David Winnie. The Scot was informed by e-mail that his contract would not be renewed, despite having just played a vital role in saving the club from the ignominy of relegation in the wake of two consecutive title wins.

*Rab Christie*

## Pro-file Johannes Gudjonsson

# Thordur's roving kid brother set to make a splash in Spain

ONE Gudjonsson goes, another Gudjonsson comes. Almost at the same time as Icelandic international striker Thordur Gudjonsson was preparing to leave Spanish outfit Las Palmas for Dutch club Roda JC, his younger brother, midfielder Johannes, was travelling in the opposite direction, moving from RKC Waalwijk to Real Betis.

The Gudjonsson footballing family tree has many branches: former Iceland player and coach Gudjon Thordarson – now manager of Stoke City in England – and his three sons: Thordur, 28; Iceland and Stoke schemer Bjarni, 22; and 21-year-old Johannes.

But Johannes, or Joey as he is more commonly known, could well be the pick of the litter. Last season, his first at RKC following a move from MVV Maastricht, was magnificent. His total commitment, good distribution, ability to sneak into dangerous forward positions and powerful shot were key elements for an RKC side that nearly qualified for the UEFA Cup against all expectations.

It did not take long for word of the brilliant young Icelander to spread to the rest of Europe. And while the RKC management hoped to be able to turn a deaf ear to overtures, a £3.7million offer from Betis was too good to refuse.

The newly-promoted Spanish side are Gudjonsson's fifth club in four years, but he denies any allegations of being a mercenary. "I played only a handful of League games for Genk when they won the Belgian title in 1999 and moved to Holland for regular first-team football," states Gudjonsson, who made a purposeful senior international debut in Iceland's 3-1 World Cup qualifying win over the Czech Republic in September. "When I signed for RKC I really expected to stay for three or four years. But I couldn't turn down this move to Spain. Real Betis are a big club with a great squad and I think we can play a major role in the Spanish League this season."

Some critics in Spain have asserted that Betis did not need Gudjonsson, pointing out that they already had a talented midfield roster in Ito, Joaquin, Capi, the rejuvenated Brazilian Denilson and the Portuguese Calado. But club president Manuel Ruiz de Lopera obviously thinks otherwise. "Gudjonsson is an excellent prospect," he declared. "He had been in top form for his Dutch club for quite some time and he can make an immediate impression in Spain too. He's a player like Diego Simeone but with more quality."

Joey Gudjonsson is a chip off the old block.

*Nick Bidwell*

### Fact file

**Club** Real Betis (Spa)
**Country** Iceland
**Born** May 25, 1980, in Akranes
**Previous clubs** IA Akranes, Genk (Blg), MVV Maastricht (Hol), RKC Waalwijk (Hol)
**International debut** September 2001, v Czech Republic
**International caps** 2 (0 goals)
**Honours** Belgian League 1999

# Problems dog Gala's progress

The Istanbul club have had a mixed month, writes Hasan Cemali

## TURKEY

GALATASARAY may have had a successful start to their domestic League campaign and in Europe, but coach Mircea Lucescu has faced a number of problems and pressures along the way.

He came in for criticism after the 1-0 defeat by Lazio in Rome in the Champions League first group phase, not because of the team's performance but because he did not substitute injured keeper Farid Mondragon. Lucescu opted to leave the Colombian on the field, only for him to be beaten by a long-distance shot that surely would have proved easy to handle if he had been fit.

Another injury in Rome, to defender Vedat Inceefe, led to more trouble for the Romanian coach. Lucescu had taken him to task for a perceived lapse in form and was particularly angered when Vedat succumbed to injury so early in the game, accusing him of failing to warm up properly.

Vedat hit back, saying: "I am not an amateur. I know how to warm up. Lucescu is doing down one of his own players, and I am very disappointed."

The coach was dealt another blow when left-sided midfielder Hakan Unsal handed in a transfer request after just nine League games, claiming he had lost the desire to play in Turkey.

Despite these problems, Gala secured their passage to the second group phase of the Champions League with a 2-0 home win over PSV Eindhoven in their final game.

A few days before, the team's 3-1 home win over Trabzonspor put them four points clear at the top of the League and stretched their unbeaten run to 10 games.

Fenerbahce's dismal showing in the Champions League – six defeats out of six – has prompted the club to appoint a psychologist. Coach Mustafa Denizli claimed his side did so poorly in Europe because they were mentally unprepared.

Besiktas' poor recent form prompted German coach Christoph Daum to hand in his resignation, but he was persuaded to stay by club president Serdar Bilgili. Daum recently attacked his "limited" team, promising to move into the transfer market after watching them lose 2-1 to Samsunspor.

Storm warning...Vedat was in hot water with Lucescu

Passport worry...Fernando Navas

## GREECE

### Panathinaikos prove critics wrong

PANATHINAIKOS, considered rank outsiders to qualify at the start of the Champions League first group phase, proved the critics wrong as they took first place in Group C.

Coach Yiannis Kyrastas' squad won all three home matches without conceding a goal and proved that even with injuries to first-choice players, they have sufficient strength in depth.

The Piraeus passport office has informed the Greek soccer federation that AEK Athens' Argentinian midfielder Fernando Navas played last season with a false passport.

Navas is already in hot water at AEK, who recently suspended him for three months without pay for failing to show up for training for the third time in the past few months.

Former France coach Henri Michel has parted company with First Division Aris Salonika, despite the team's good recent form, after a reported bust-up with managing director Takis Andrias, who also quit.

Otto Rehhagel has signed a two-year contract to coach the national team, to be extended to July 2004 if Greece qualify for that year's European Championship.

*Lou Economopoulos*

## BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

### FA woo Blazevic

SPECULATION has continued to mount that Ciro Blazevic is to be the new coach of Bosnia-Herzegovina, with national team director Ahmed Pasalic stating: "We have already made all the arrangements. Blazevic is coming home, to Bosnia."

The former Croatia coach is currently in charge of Iran, but has made no secret of the tremendous pressure he has been under. "If we do not qualify [for the World Cup], I will take a rope and hang myself," he said shortly before the Iranians overcame United Arab Emirates in the Asian play-off second leg.

Money would appear to be the major obstacle to him taking the Bosnia job. Blazevic is being paid £200,000 a year by Iran, a figure the domestic FA could not hope to match.

*Zdravko Reic*

## SLOVENIA

### Prasnikar back at Maribor

BOJAN PRASNIKAR is back in charge of Maribor, the club he led to three League titles, two national Cups and, in 1999-00, qualification for the Champions League group stages.

Prasnikar succeeds Croatian Ivo Susak, who was fired despite having taken Maribor to last season's League championship and with the club in second place in this campaign.

*Zdravko Reic*

## YUGOSLAVIA

### Partizan on course

NO FEWER than 10 top division clubs had sacked their coach with only nine rounds of the League season gone.

Partizan exploited the crisis at champions Red Star, who recently appointed Zoran Filipovic to replace Slavoljub Muslin, to go seven points clear of their Belgrade rivals and five points ahead of second-placed Obilic.

Red Star then had the opportunity

to close the gap on Partizan when the two sides met in the 117th city derby, but the match ended 0-0.

Obilic have so far fulfilled their ambition of matching the top clubs, while Sartid Smederevo, inspired by 34-year-old Goran Bogdanovic (formerly with Partizan, Mallorca and Espanyol), have been the season's surprise package.

*Vladimir Novak*

## MACEDONIA

### Jovanovski defies resignation calls

AROUND 5,000 supporters gathered to call for the resignation of national coach Gjore Jovanovski following Macedonia's 5-0 home defeat by Slovakia in the final World Cup qualifier in October.

The result, equalling Macedonia's worst home defeat, meant the side finished only fourth in Group 4.

However, Jovanovski, who replaced Dragan Kanatlarovski only five months ago, insisted he had no intention of stepping down. "We have a target that was agreed with the FA when I was appointed – that is qualification for Euro 2004," he said.

Struggling Makedonija replaced coach Zoran Tanevski with Dobre Dimovski.

*Michel Stojmanovski*

## CROATIA

### Boksic hailed as messiah

THE national team's qualification for the World Cup finals prompted ecstatic celebrations at home, with Alen Boksic, scorer of the winning goal against Belgium in the final game, being hailed as something of a messiah.

Boksic also scored a vital goal in the play-off victory over Ukraine that took Croatia to their first World Cup finals appearance, at France 98.

In the championship, Zagreb continued to lead, though Hajduk Split were mounting an impressive revival as they notched a club record nine League wins in a row.

Milan Petkovic has replaced Davor Cop as coach of Cibalia, while Rajko Magic has departed Cakovec.

*Zdravko Reic*

## MALTA

### Birkirkara go top

BIRKIRKARA defeated previously unbeaten League leaders Hibernians to leapfrog their opponents into top spot.

Floriana have parted company with Moroccan coach Karim Bencherifa, with former Rabat player-coach Ziya Yildiz taking over.

Albanian player-coach Edmund Lufi, previously with Pieta, has succeeded Gianfranco Selvaggi at Naxxar Lions, while another Albanian player-coach, Ilir Pelinku, has been brought in at Lija Athletic to replace the fired Patrick Curmi.

*Domenico Aquilina*

Hero worship...Alen Boksic

## ISRAEL

### Hopes dashed at the last

ISRAELI hopes of reaching the World Cup finals for the first time since 1970 were dashed in the last few seconds of the delayed final qualifier, at home to Austria. A free-kick by Andreas Herzog earned the visitors a 1-1 draw and put them into the play-offs.

A few days later, national morale was restored when Hapoel Tel Aviv completed a sensational 3-1 aggregate win over Chelsea in the UEFA Cup second round.

*Derek Fattal*

# Pro-file Predrag Djordjevic

## Long-time star in Greece now coming good for Yugoslavia

PREDRAG DJORDJEVIC is the only Yugoslav international able to look back on the team's hapless World Cup qualifying campaign with any fondness. Because it was during these games that the 29-year-old finally secured a regular starting place.

The midfielder put in especially good performances in the final two games – a 2-1 win away to Switzerland and a 1-1 draw at home to Slovenia – and also scored his first international goal in the latter game.

Djordjevic has been late to establish himself on the international scene, given that he joined Red Star Belgrade, Yugoslavia's most successful club, at 18 in 1990.

But having moved there, from hometown club Radnicki Kragujevac, he spent the next two years failing to break into the first team. This was not so surprising given that the regular line-up included the likes of Jugovic, Prosinecki and Savicevic.

So Djordjevic's next destination was Greece, though far away from the big stage. Nevertheless, the playmaker stuck to his task at Second Division Paniliakos, where he spent three and a half seasons, helping them to win promotion, before joining Olympiakos in 1996.

He is now in his sixth season there, has won the Greek League for the past five years, and was voted Greek player of season in 2000-01. Not surprisingly, there has been interest from abroad, with Juventus among the keenest. "There were offers from Italy last summer, but my club did not accept them," says Djordjevic. "I hope Serie A clubs come in for me again, although I wouldn't mind playing on for Olympiakos."

Despite his club success, Djordjevic's international career suffered a major setback when he was forced to miss Euro 2000 because of injury. However, his recent showings for Yugoslavia show he is right back in the groove. "Although I can play better, I am satisfied with my performances in the last games," says Djordjevic.

His strongest points are his flawless technique and crossing. He also has a keen eye for goal but needs to improve his workrate when defending.

Olympiakos' failure in this season's Champions League and the fact that Korea/Japan will not be a showcase for Djordjevic means that a move to Italy is now less likely.

Still, given his modest nature and the fact he is happy in Athens, you can be sure he won't take that as too much of a disappointment.

*Vladimir Novak*

### Fact file

**Club** Olympiakos (Gre)
**Country** Yugoslavia
**Born** August 4, 1972, in Kragujevac
**Previous clubs** Radnicki Kragujevac, Red Star Belgrade, Paniliakos (Gre)
**International debut** September 1998, v Switzerland
**International caps** 15 (1 goal)
**Honours** Greek League 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001; Greek Cup 1999

# Mr Unlucky so lucky for Spartak

Beschastnykh's return sparks sixth title in a row, writes Victor Gusev

## RUSSIA

SOME things never change in Russia. Oleg Romantsev's Spartak are champions again – for the ninth time in the League's 10-year history and for the sixth in a row.

The red-and-whites' 3-1 home victory over Zenit St Petersburg two rounds before the end of the championship put them out of reach of their main rivals and last year's runners-up, Lokomotiv Moscow.

The new-old champions went through a spell of bad luck and poor form in mid-season, followed by a painful Champions League failure. But the return from Spain of international striker Vladimir Beschastnykh in mid-July revived the team's ambitions. The 27-year-old scored in his first game, against CSKA, and instantly took on the mantle of Spartak's new leader.

Beschastnykh, whose name means 'unlucky' – he certainly had no luck for seven years in Germany and Spain, with Werder Bremen and Racing Santander respectively – also became Russia's saviour in the World Cup qualifying campaign. His seven goals, including deciders against Switzerland in Zurich and Yugoslavia in Belgrade, as well as a hat-trick against the Swiss in Moscow, helped Russia to top their group and qualify automatically for the finals.

With 23 goals Beschastnykh now ranks fifth in Russia's all-time scorers' list, after Oleg Blokhin (42), Oleg Protasov (29), Valentin Ivanov (26) and Eduard Streltsov (25).

Romantsev, meanwhile, hinted that he might give up his other role, as national team coach, before the 2002 World Cup finals because of his tense relations with the Russian Football Union bosses. Current Under-23 coach Valeri Gazzayev would be among the favourites to succeed him.

Change of fortune...Vladimir Beschastnykh

Dilemma...Valerii Lobanovskyi

## UKRAINE

### Lobanovskyi must choose between club and country

VALERII LOBANOVSKYI, veteran coach of Kyiv Dynamo and the national team, has been told by the Ukrainian federation he can no longer combine both jobs.

Explaining the decision, federation president Hryhorii Surkis said: "My predecessor, Valerii Pustovoitenko, convinced me a year ago that the Kyiv Dynamo coach must also be boss of the national team. To my deep regret I agreed. I made a mistake. If you run after two hares, you will catch neither.

"Combining the work involved at Dynamo and the national team negatively influenced the interests of both sides. After the World Cup play-off matches against Germany, the Ukraine coach will work exclusively with the national team and not share his duties with any other club.

"Lobanovskyi will have to choose to continue his work at Kyiv Dynamo or to solely manage the national team. If he decides to remain at Kyiv Dynamo, next day you'll hear the name of the new coach of Ukraine."

Shakhtar Donetsk coach Victor Prokopenko surprisingly stepped down following a run of poor results in Europe, although it was a 1-1 League draw with bottom-placed Vorskla that proved the final straw.

Shakhtar failed to qualify for the Champions League and were knocked out of the UEFA Cup by CSKA Sofia. "I don't think we have a bad team, but results speak for themselves," said Prokopenko, who has remained at Shakhtar as vice-president. His deputy, Valerii Yaremchenko, has taken temporary charge of coaching.

Dnipro have also had a change of management. Mykola Fedorenko was fired after UEFA Cup defeat by Fiorentina and a poor run of results in the League, with Olexander Lysenko becoming his temporary successor.

Despite their problems Shakhtar continue to head the League, standing three points clear of Kyiv Dynamo just ahead of the winter break, though the latter have a game in hand.

*Oleg Zadernovsky*

## POLAND

### Pogon 'amateurs' march on

POGON SZCZECIN were among the eight qualifiers for the spring championship play-offs despite suffering the consequences of a severe financial crisis.

They were forced to sell their two best forwards – Grzegorz Mielcarski (to AEK Athens) and Brazilian Brasilia (Energie Cottbus) – before the new campaign, while recent departures have included midfielders Dariusz Dzwigala (Diyarbakirspor) and Dariusz Gesior (Amica Wronki), and goalkeeper Radoslaw Majdan (on loan to Goztepe).

The players still at the club have not been paid for months, prompting them to be dubbed 'amateurs'.

Despite all this, Pogon finished second in one of the two eight-team groups that now constitute the Polish top division. The top four from each compete for the title next spring – Pogon went through with Legia Warsaw, Amica Wronki and Ruch Chorzow from Group B, while Odra Wodzislaw, Wisla Krakow, Polonia Warsaw and GKS Katowice were the qualifiers from Group A.

Wisla's Maciej Zurawski is top scorer with 11 goals.

*Dariusz Kurowski*

## BULGARIA

### Mladenov calls it quits

NATIONAL team coach Stoicho Mladenov has stepped down following the humiliating 6-0 World

Cup qualifying defeat by the Czech Republic. A play-off place was at stake for both countries but an early goal from Tomas Rosicky put the Czechs on their way and ensured Bulgaria's exit.

Angel Kolev's six-month reign as coach of Lokomotiv Sofia was ended after a poor run in the League and elimination from the Cup by Second Division Vidima-Rakovski.

*Michael Bowesfield*

## GEORGIA

### Torpedo still favourites despite defeat

TORPEDO KUTAISI'S 12-match unbeaten run was surprisingly ended by mid-table Kolkheti 1913, who defeated the champions 3-2 at home. Despite this first loss of the season, Torpedo remain clear favourites to retain the title.

Lokomotiv Tbilisi appear to present the main challenge to Torpedo, having benefited from a hearty cash injection from their main sponsors, Georgian railways, as well as the coaching talent of ex-Manchester City player Kakhaber Tskhadadze, who replaced Givi Nodia before the start of the season.

WIT Georgia have dismissed Italian coach Gianni Carnevalle and brought in Sergo Gabelaya, while Guria have appointed Soso Pruidze after firing Zaza Gurielidze.

*Oleg Zadernovsky*

## BELARUS

### BATE blow it

BATE Borisov appeared to have waved goodbye to their championship hopes after selling their best defender, Vitaly Rogozhkin, to Siena in Italy's Serie B, and top striker Vitaly Kutuzov, to Milan.

BATE, guided by national youth team coach Yuri Puntus, were in front for most of the season, but a series of defeats since the players' departure allowed Belshina Bobruisk to take over, and they needed just two points from their last two games to clinch the title.

Torpedo Minsk head coach Anatoliy Yurevich has decided to quit with his team stuck in mid-table. His replacement is Sergey Frantsev, formerly with SKA St Petersburg of Russia.

*Oleg Zadernovsky*

## AUSTRIA

### Low on a high at Tirol

RUNAWAY League leaders FC Tirol have appointed ex-Stuttgart, Fenerbahce and Karlsruhe coach Joachim Low to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Kurt Jara to Hamburg.

Low's first three games yielded seven points to stretch the *Tiroler's* lead over second-placed Sturm Graz to eight.

The sparks have been flying at Sturm. After Ivica Osim's side somehow clung on for a goalless draw against a thoroughly dominant Tirol, the coach blistered the walls of the press room with a fiery diatribe aimed at his charges.

"If that display is a measure of where we stand today, it makes me very sad," raged Osim. "I had to ask

Ideal start...Joachim Low

some of my players at half-time if they had actually been on the pitch. It was as if there were 21 players against Sidorczuk [the Sturm keeper]. Tirol seemed to know what they were doing. We did not."

*Nick Bidwell*

## ARMENIA

### Sukiasian steps down

THE national team's dismal showing in the World Cup qualifiers led to the resignation of coach Varuzhan Sukiasian.

Champions Araks Ararat, now renamed Spartak Yerevan, have appointed Oganes Zanazanian, former boss of the national Under-21 side, as their new coach.

*Michael Bowesfield*

## Pro-file Georgi Ivanov

# Levski Sofia's goalscoring 'Gonzo' about to go west

BULGARIA'S failure to reach the 2002 World Cup finals and double European disappointment for his club Levski Sofia – defeat by Galatasaray in the third Champions League qualifying phase and elimination by Chelsea in the first round of the UEFA Cup – will surely encourage outstanding striker Georgi Ivanov to leave home for a new challenge abroad.

Levski proved surprisingly resilient during the close season in fending off approaches from Fulham, Rangers, Valencia and Mallorca for the £7million-rated Ivanov.

However, with no more international competition in prospect, logic says the 25-year-old will soon seek to emulate Bulgaria's last genuine big name, Hristo Stoichkov, whose career took off after leaving CSKA Sofia for Barcelona in 1990.

"I'm very ambitious and I'm thrilled that my performances have impressed a number of strong foreign clubs," says Ivanov, known affectionately as 'Gonzo' because his long nose gives him a passing resemblance to *The Muppets* character. "But I also know I would not be in this position without my coaches and team-mates at Levski. This is a good club at which to make your name.

"Of course, I want to go as far in football as I can and that means moving to western Europe. I'd love to have the same sort of success that Stoichkov, Lechkov, Balakov and Kostadinov had abroad."

When voted Bulgaria's Player of the Year for 2000-01, Ivanov said he had achieved everything he possibly could in Bulgarian football, and he was correct. His haul includes three League titles with Levski, goalscoring performances in Bulgarian Cup Final victories in 1998 and 2000, and a place atop the country's scoring list last season (22 goals in 24 games).

Ivanov has not enjoyed such success at international level, having scored just four goals in 25 appearances. Yet he has the attributes to do well as an expat. He is quick, strong, good in the air, has a deft touch and, above all, is a born opportunist. "I'm a Georgi Ivanov fan and it's not just because he used to play for my old club, Lokomotiv Plovdiv," says Hristo Bonev, the former Bulgarian midfield star and their coach at France 98. "He's improving all the time, his sharpness is exceptional and he is one of those younger players who can hopefully revive the national team."

*Nick Bidwell*

### Fact file

**Club** Levski Sofia
**Country** Bulgaria
**Born** July 2, 1976, in Plovdiv
**Previous club** Lokomotiv Plovdiv
**International debut** October 1996, v Luxembourg
**International caps** 25 (4 goals)
**Honours** Bulgarian League 1995, 2000, 2001; Bulgarian Cup 1998, 2000

# Club trouble

It has not been a happy month for former coaches of Brazil, writes Brian Homewood

**BRAZIL**

MARIO ZAGALLO, who proudly claims to be the only man to have won the World Cup four times, is flirting with relegation in the twilight of his career. Vanderlei Luxemburgo, who followed Zagallo into the Brazil hot seat after France 98 and was kicked out of it two years later, is continuing to make himself unpopular, this time with the citizens of a little-known provincial town. And Emerson Leao, who had a mere six months in charge of the national team before being axed, was still waiting for his first win in his new job at Juventude after eight games in charge.

Zagallo, still going strong at the age of 70, is in danger of leaving a nasty stain on a largely victorious career since his Flamengo side have continued on their miserable run. Brazil's most popular club slumped to 22nd in the 28-team national championship and, with the bottom four teams (theoretically) facing the drop, were in danger of plunging into the Second Division for the first time in their history.

String of defeats...Vanderlei Luxemburgo

For the septuagenarian, who won the World Cup twice as a player (1958 and 1962), once as Brazil coach (1970) and once as Brazil assistant coach (1994), and who proudly proclaims himself one of life's born winners, it is an unfamiliar scenario.

"I've never been in a similar situation but there's a first time for everything," said Zagallo. "I will never give in. Life is no bed of roses. We have to keep our heads up. When the tide is against you, you have to keep rowing."

Flamengo's poor run has led to speculation that the Old Wolf might call it a day, but the veteran coach has once again refused to comment on his retirement. Zagallo seems to have lost control over a squad that includes plenty of top-name players, including Brazilian internationals Vampeta, Juan and Edilson, and Yugoslav import Dejan Petkovic.

During a 2-0 defeat at Gremio, touchline reporters heard Edilson and Petkovic exchanging insults on the field as divisions in the team became all too clear.

The only respite for Flamengo came when they won 2-1 away to Corinthians, where Luxemburgo has returned after his failed stint in charge of the national team. It was one of five successive defeats for Corinthians as they plummeted down the table after a promising start to the campaign.

Luxemburgo has also given a new twist to the old cliche that football management can put years on you. The coach turned three years older overnight as a court agreed to cancel a fake birth certificate he had used for most of his career. During his two years as Brazil coach, Luxemburgo had told the world he was born in 1955. Afterwards, he confessed to the police that he had really been born in 1952 and that his father had obtained the false certificate when he was a junior player at Botafogo, enabling him to jump down an age group.

The false certificate had also altered the spelling of his name to Wanderley. The court order reverted it to the original Vanderlei.

Leao, meanwhile, joined Juventude for his first job since being sacked by Brazil following this year's Confederations Cup fiasco (Leao was fired for poor results by the same CBF that had prevented him from picking Brazil's best players for the tournament).

However, his fortunes have not improved at his new team. Juventude, who come from the heart of Brazil's biggest wine-producing region, failed to win any of their first eight games under Leao, who was quickly in danger of joining the so-called 'Dance of the Coaches'. This claimed no fewer than 22 victims in the first three months of the national championship, and that was in the First Division alone.

The most recent victim was Celso Roth of Palmeiras, where directors decided that fifth place in the championship (the top eight qualify for the quarter-finals) was not good enough.

Despite taking Palmeiras to the semi-finals of this year's Libertadores Cup, Roth – one of the most prominent apologists for the defensive, foul-ridden football that is widely played in Brazil nowadays – had never made himself popular with fans of a club usually associated with a more refined style.

However, some of the other coaching changes have been bizarre, even by Brazilian standards. Ivo Wortmann, for example, walked out on Coritiba to take a job at Cruzeiro after just two games of the championship, only to go back to Coritiba one month later when things failed to work out at Cruzeiro.

Five clubs – Cruzeiro, Vasco da Gama, Botafogo-Ribeirao Preto, Guarani and Santos – were on to their third coach by press time, while Helio dos Anjos has coached three different clubs in less than three months.

Dos Anjos began at Guarani but resigned after a 7-1 defeat by Vasco da Gama, moving, incredibly, to Vasco themselves. Six weeks later, he unceremoniously ditched Vasco after receiving a better offer from Goias. "I have to consider my family," he said.

That move unveiled a serious financial crisis at Vasco, the defending Brazilian champions. One week after Dos Anjos' shock departure, veteran striker Romario – the championship's top scorer with 13 goals – said he would probably move elsewhere when his contract ends in November because the club could not afford to keep him.

Then veteran midfielder Jorginho – the former Bayer Leverkusen and Bayern Munich player who was Brazil's right-back at the 1990 and 1994 World Cups – stirred things up by telling the media that the players had not been paid for three months, prompting speculation about a possible strike.

With seven rounds of matches to go, Sao Caetano – who were runners-up last year despite starting out in the Second Division – were the surprise tournament leaders, followed by Atletico Mineiro, Atletico Paranaense, Gremio, Palmeiras, Fluminense, Internacional and Vitoria.

At the other end, America-Belo Horizonte, Gama, Santa Cruz and Botafogo-Ribeirao Preto were occupying the four relegation spots, with Flamengo, Sport Recife and Juventude just above them.

Few people believe that Flamengo will actually play in the Second Division should they finish in the bottom four. Relegation is rarely enforced in Brazil when big clubs are involved.

## Round-up

**URUGUAY:** Nacional beat Penarol 2-0 on the last day of the closing tournament to top the table and go into the championship play-off against opening winners Danubio.

Both Nacional goals came in the second half, from Sebastian Abreu (penalty) and Richard Morales, by which time Penarol were already down to 10 men. They had another player sent off four minutes from time.

Spot on...Abreu's penalty helped Nacional into Uruguay's title play-off

**BOLIVIA:** Carlos Trucco, the Argentina-born former Bolivian international goalkeeper, was named national team coach for the country's last two World Cup qualifying games, against Brazil and Peru. Trucco is the team's fourth coach since the start of the qualifying tournament in March last year.

Oriente Petrolero, Real Potosi, Jorge Wilstermann and opening championship winners Bolivar make up the four semi-finalists in the closing championship knockout stages.

**COLOMBIA:** Referee Felipe Russi has received death threats from an armed gang, who claimed they were going to clean up Colombian soccer and had several other officials on their list.

**PARAGUAY:** Olimpia's championship-winning streak was ended when they were knocked out of this season's closing quarter-finals by opening winners Cerro Porteno. Olimpia had won the previous four overall titles.

Cerro went on to reach the Final of the closing campaign, against Guarani, with the prospect of becoming automatic champions if they won. Olimpia have subsequently fired coach Luis Cubilla, while the new man, Alicio Solalinde, has already made his mark by sidelining several star players.

**ECUADOR:** Emelec played two games on the same day, though they did use separate teams. The first XI beat Olmedo 3-0 to win the closing championship by a point; then a reserve team beat Blooming 4-1 in the Mercosur Cup.

In the domestic League, Emelec, Barcelona and Deportivo Quito, the closing top three, join the opening top three, El Nacional, Espoli and Olmedo, in the title play-offs.

*Eric Weil*

## Pro-file Juan Pablo Sorin

# Brazil-based Argentinian carving out a World Cup niche

ONLY two of Argentina's full-strength squad are not based in Europe – and that should soon fall to one. Ariel Ortega seems settled at River Plate, but Lazio appear very keen to take Juan Pablo Sorin off the hands of Brazilian club Cruzeiro.

If 'Juanpi' does move to Rome in January it would mark his return to Italy, seven years after an unsuccessful spell with Juventus.

Three factors put paid to his time in Turin: shyness, inexperience and a limit on the number of foreigners who could then be fielded.

"The expectations were huge and I wasn't able to live up to them," Sorin remembers. "But I've never hidden the fact that I want to go back to Europe."

The move to Cruzeiro was designed to prove to himself that he could triumph abroad, though he was wary. "I was an Argentinian in Brazil and a left-back in a country of left-backs," he says.

Sorin need not have worried. His wholehearted approach and considerable skill quickly made him an idol in Belo Horizonte. "Sorin is not a superstar but he executes with perfection all the fundamentals of football," says former Brazil great Tostao.

The Argentinian has also proved that he is much more than just a left-back. A smile breaks over his face when it is pointed out that he missed the last World Cup after Daniel Passarella settled on a back-three formation, leaving no room for full-backs.

Current boss Marcelo Bielsa also fields three defenders, but Sorin has proved his versatility and won a place in midfield. "To adapt I've had to learn a lot and work hard. The confidence that Bielsa shows in me has been fundamental," Sorin declares.

"We're playing every game as if it were our last. When we lose the ball we put real pressure on our opponents to get it back, and then comes the big effort to move and give options to the man in possession. Bielsa is the most attacking coach in the world."

But last year, after defeat to Brazil and a draw with Paraguay, Bielsa decided that he was too light in midfield, and Sorin came in on the left side. His defensive awareness gave the team more cover, and his relentless scampering added dynamism.

In 1995 Sorin captained Argentina to victory in the World Youth Cup. Six years on he looks sure to go to Korea/Japan as part of a side confident of claiming the biggest prize in football.

*Tim Vickery*

### Fact file

**Club** Cruzeiro (Bra)
**Country** Argentina
**Born** May 5, 1976, in Buenos Aires
**Previous clubs** Argentinos Juniors, Juventus (Ita), River Plate
**International debut** February 1995, v Bulgaria
**International caps** 30 (6 goals)
**Honours** World Youth Cup 1995; Libertadores Cup 1996; South American Supercup 1997; Argentinian opening championship 1996, 1997, 1999; closing 1997, 2000

# Racing still ahead

Eric Weil on the ongoing miracle of the opening championship leaders

## ARGENTINA

RACING CLUB, who last won the League title in 1966, increased their lead in the opening championship to five points with eight games to go by beating Estudiantes 3-2 away, continuing their near-miraculous form this season.

The club kicked off the championship with no fewer than 10 new players in the squad – some on loan, others out of contract but none of them a star – and their success to date has caused a huge stir in the country.

Racing have been bringing in the highest gate receipts of any club – including the big two, Boca Juniors and River Plate – while their finances have been further boosted by an upsurge in merchandising sales.

Everybody, even their rivals, are talking about Racing as champions – except their coach, former River Plate international midfielder Reinaldo Merlo.

Although two players have become stars since the beginning of the season – goalkeeper Gustavo Campagnuolo (just called up as national team reserve) and midfielder Adrian Bastia – the rest are more reliant on their combative spirit to see them through and it is clear the team would benefit from having a leader on the field, someone to control play and pace the game effectively.

One powerful reason for Racing Club's success is that they are the only Argentinian club managed by a private company, as opposed to being owned by fee-paying members, as is the case with other clubs. The company, Blanquiceleste, was formed by businessman and Racing fan Fernando Marin, owner of a separate public relations company, whose bid to take over the club was accepted at the turn of the year by the judge who had handled Racing's recent bankruptcy proceedings.

The proceedings saved the club from closure by exercising a law that gives Racing three years' protection from creditors. Blanquiceleste has put investment into the club, and is committed to start paying off the club's massive debts should it make any profits.

Six coaches have already been fired during the current championship, by Velez Sarsfield, Huracan (twice), Banfield (twice) and Talleres Cordoba. Yet these clubs were still occupying the bottom four places in the table after 11 rounds. The truth is that the teams are weak, not the coaches.

Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata have chosen a different approach, keeping on coach Carlos Timoteo Griguol even though the club had a poor 2000-01 season.

Now Gimnasia are third, but, ironically, Griguol wants to leave at the end of the season because he has not been paid for eight months. Griguol is being offered a new contract at a lower salary, but the deal does offer a percentage on the sale of players.

This is nothing new. At Boca Juniors, coach Carlos Bianchi gets a percentage of the difference between what the club earn in player sales and what they spend on new players during the season.

Clubs' financial problems have produced some curious results. Talleres Cordoba dismissed coach Ricardo Gareca after only nine games because they were bottom of the table. As there was no cash to pay off his contract, they offered a cheque dated next April and three flats in Cordoba. Gareca refused to accept.

Meanwhile, Hernan Crespo was claiming £600,000 from River Plate. The sum relates to the 15 per cent of the figure the club received under an agreement when he was transferred from Parma to Lazio in summer 2000.

River accepted his claim but as they lacked the money to pay him, they offered him a percentage of one of their players' contracts. Finally, they sold 35 per cent of the contract of promising young defender Hernan Garce to the player's agent, Gustavo Mascardi, thus enabling them to pay Crespo.

National call-up...Racing keeper Gustavo Campagnuolo

Missing out...America's Fabian Estay

## MEXICO

### Last eight take shape ahead of time

THE identity of the eight Winter championship quarter-finalists appeared more or less certain despite most of the teams still having four games of the League stage to play.

The top two from each of the four groups qualify, with Guadalajara and Cruz Azul in Group 1, Toluca and Santos Laguna (Group 2), Atlante and Necaxa (Group 3), and Pachuca and Tigres (Group 4) all at least five points clear in their respective groups.

America, the country's wealthiest team, have been disappointing again. They appeared destined to miss out on the League title for the 12th year in a row.

Fans have been showing their disgust at home games in the Azteca stadium by turning their backs to the players.

Former national coach Manuel Lapuente, who took over America in the latter stages of the campaign, inherited a disjointed team from his predecessor, Argentinian Alfio Basile.

The club have talented players, such as Mexican internationals Pavel Pardo, Luis Hernandez, Duilio Davino, Raul Lara and Braulio Luna, but they have little on-field understanding with foreign stars like the Chileans Fabian Estay, Ivan Zamorano and Ricardo Rojas, and Colombian Frankie Oviedo.

*Carlos Ramirez*

USA

# San Jose Earthquakes: from worst to first

## The MLS title could not have gone to a less likely team, writes Paul Gardner

THE story of the 2001 MLS champions San Jose Earthquakes is so unlikely that it borders on the downright corny. Here we have a team that for the previous five seasons had been an embarrassment to all concerned, and a worrying embarrassment because San Jose had been one of the major successes in the 1970s in the days of the old North American Soccer League.

When MLS started to look around for cities to populate its new league in 1996, San Jose was a no-brainer: it had to be one of the founding members.

But things didn't work out as planned. First of all, and rather surprisingly, no one stepped forward to buy and operate the franchise. So the team, along with Dallas and Tampa Bay, had to be run by MLS itself.

Then there was the name. In the NASL days it had been Earthquakes. Somehow that didn't seem so apt any more, and anyway this was a new team that should not have to live on the memory of what used to be.

It became San Jose Clash, but the team performed pathetically, and the disillusioned fans stayed away. In 1998 coach Laurie Calloway was shown the door and replaced by Brian Quinn. Clash still didn't make the play-offs.

In 1999 general manager Peter Bridgwater got the axe, while the Kraft family (already owners of New England Revolution) took over the running of the club. Significantly, they chose not to invest in it.

Another abysmal season followed, with the team again missing the play-offs. Out went Quinn, in came ex-US national team coach Lothar Osiander. The 2000 season turned out to be the worst ever, with the club, now having readopted the Earthquakes tag, garnering a League-low of 29 points.

The Kraft family had had enough and withdrew, handing Earthquakes back to MLS.

Late in 2000 the League announced that a local operator – again, not an investor – had been found. Enter Silicon Valley Sports & Entertainment, a group with no soccer experience whatever, though it did run San Jose Sharks ice-hockey team.

January 2001 rolled around, time for all the MLS coaches to gather in Florida for the annual player draft and an absolutely key moment in the team-building process. Problem was, the new Earthquakes operators had fired Osiander, and didn't have a coach.

Just 24 hours before the draft, they appointed Frank Yallop, who had been an assistant at DC United. Yallop, a Canadian international defender, had played most of his career in England with Ipswich, but he did have three years' MLS experience with Tampa Bay.

However, his first move at the draft was hardly impressive. San Jose – having been the worst team in 2000 – had the top pick, and Yallop took Chris Carrieri, a young college forward with no pro experience, who quite quickly made it clear that he didn't want to play in San Jose anyway.

But that was the end of Yallop's troubles. Very soon came the news that Landon Donovan was returning from Germany, and that MLS had allocated him to Clash.

Donovan, still only 19, proved a sensation, quickly settling in and proving his worth as both a playmaker and a goalscorer.

Another off-season acquisition, DC United veteran Jeff Agoos, was to prove a tower of strength in defence, and so the transformation, the worst-to-first miracle, began to take shape.

Earthquakes got steadily better and having reached this season's play-offs – decidedly unfamiliar territory – swept aside Columbus Crew in the quarter-finals.

Then came the favourites, Miami Fusion, the team with the best regular-season record. Miami won the first game 1-0 and seemed intent on roughing up Donovan.

The game was followed by a burst of derogatory remarks from Fusion coach Ray Hudson and his players. "They didn't come here for dancing lessons, did they?" asked Hudson.

Yallop ignored the controversy and Earthquakes recorded a resounding 4-0 win in the second game.

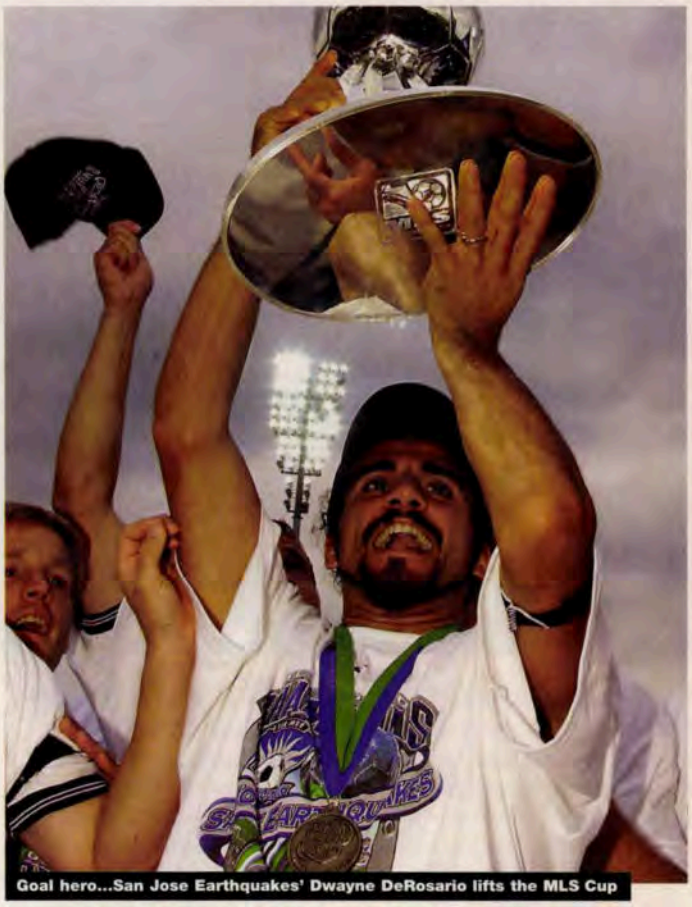
Back in Miami, the third and final leg went to extra time, with a golden goal from defender Troy Dayak putting San Jose into the Final.

That proved to be an all-California affair, as Los Angeles Galaxy had eliminated Chicago Fire in the other semi. Mexico's Luis Hernandez got LA on the scoreboard first; then, just before the interval, Donovan pounced on a harmless looking pass into the area and flashed the ball into the top corner of the net.

With the score still at 1-1 after 90 minutes, it was time for substitute Dwayne DeRosario, a Canadian international, to settle matters.

The decider was an old-fashioned sort of goal, as the big DeRosario stutter-stepped into the area and curled a shot round defender Danny Califf and past the diving Kevin Hartmann.

Yallop, inevitably, won the Coach of the Year award; Dayak won the Comeback award, having conquered a career-threatening neck injury; Agoos took the Defender of the Year prize.



Goal hero...San Jose Earthquakes' Dwayne DeRosario lifts the MLS Cup

Miami's Honduran forward Alex Pineda Chacon was League top scorer with 19 goals, and also won the overall Most Valuable Player award.

For Los Angeles Galaxy – in the MLS Final for the third time, and on the losing end for the third time – there was consolation a week later when they won the US Open Cup, beating New England Revolution 2-1 in the Final. That game closed the career of distinguished American international Paul Caligiuri.

# Petro drive on into last four

Mark Gleeson reviews the Champions League group stage

On the run...Petro Atletico (in white) lost to ASEC Abidjan in Luanda but still topped their group

ANGOLAN club Petro Atletico managed to lose two out of their three African Champions League matches at home and yet still finish top of their group and qualify for the semi-finals.

The 'petrolistas' emerged as the surprise package of the competition, pipping Al Ahly of Egypt for top place in Group B on goal difference. But unlike in previous years, both sides progressed, since this season's competition includes a semi-final round for the first time.

Tunisia's Esperance finished top of Group A, setting up a last-four tie against Al Ahly, with runners-up Mamelodi Sundowns lining up against Petro. The South Africans took second place despite scoring only twice in six Group A matches.

Petro were the first side to make sure of their semi-final place after beating Al Ahly 4-2 away in the fifth round of matches. The result was sensational given that the Egyptians had lost only once before at home in more than 60 continental club matches. Petro actually led 4-0 just after half-time, with striker Flavio, who scored twice, taking his goal tally in this year's Champions League to eight.

The Angolans, coached by colourful Brazilian Djalma Cavalcante, won all three of their away games yet lost twice in Luanda. One of the defeats was inflicted by ASEC Abidjan of Ivory Coast, who were making a late bid to sneak into second place in the group.

ASEC's 1-0 win in Luanda came courtesy of an injury-time penalty but it was not enough to put them through as Al Ahly also won on the road – beating Chabab Belouizdad 1-0 in Algiers.

Chabab had lost 7-0 away to ASEC a fortnight earlier, a record defeat for the Champions League. The humiliating result cost coach Nour Benzerki his job.

Esperance, seeking a third successive Final appearance, were the most proficient of the semi-final qualifiers and appear to have found a new lease of life under Algerian coach Ali Fergani. Indeed, the Tunisians lost their unbeaten record only after their semi-final berth was already secure, going down 3-2 away to TP Mazembe of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the last of their Group A games.

Sundowns had it a lot tougher and looked on the rack at the halfway stage as they battled to find goals in the wake of the sale of Nigerian international Raphael Chukwu to Bari.

However, three goalless draws kept them in the hunt and by the last round, they needed just to win at home to qualify. Their opponents, Julius Berger of Nigeria, needed only to draw, but were struck by tragedy when left winger Ogbemudia Aikihiombare was killed in an attempted armed robbery as he drove home from Abeotuka, near Lagos, after Berger's fifth-round win over TP Mazembe.

His death, plus suspensions and injuries, left the Nigerians without much fight for their last game, and Sundowns romped all over them. Even so, the Pretoria side still only won 1-0, young midfielder Bennett Mnguni scoring the goal.

● Two familiar faces feature in the Final of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Cup this year, but the Cup-winners Cup decider will be between two clubs who have never progressed so far before.

Neither Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa nor Angola's Inter Luanda had reached the Final of a continental competition, yet cruised through their respective semi-final ties with relative ease. Chiefs beat Tunisia's Club Africain 2-0 at home and 1-0 away, surprisingly good results given that they had a major clean-out of their squad several months ago and signed replacements too late to make the competition registration deadline in August.

Inter, the Luanda police team, matched Chief's semi-final record, beating Kumbo Strikers of Cameroon 3-0 at home and then 1-0 away.

In the CAF Cup, holders JS Kabylie remain on course for the defence of their title but have still to get past Etoile Sahel, the Tunisian club who have won the competition twice before.

Kabylie, from the embattled Berber region of Algeria, reached the Final after substitute Mounir Dob scored five minutes into stoppage time at the end of their semi-final second leg tie at home to Africa Sports of Ivory Coast. This made the score 2-0 on the day and 3-3 overall, putting the Algerians through on away goals.

Etoile Sahel made sure of their fourth CAF Cup Final appearance by limiting Cotonsport of Cameroon to a single-goal victory in the second leg. The Tunisians had won 3-1 on home soil in the opening match.

## EAST AFRICAN TOURNAMENT

### Tanzania bounce back after ban

TANZANIA made a dream return to action after a year's inactivity by winning the annual four-nation tournament in East Africa. The Taifa Stars, who spent part of the past 12 months suspended by FIFA because of government interference in the running of the local FA, beat neighbours Kenya 3-1 in a thrilling Final in Mwanza, on the shores of Lake Victoria.

Tanzania were fortunate to make it through to the Final, needing a late equaliser to make it 2-2 against the Democratic Republic of Congo in the semi-final before going on to win 4-2 on penalties. Striker Nteze John had put the hosts ahead early on but DR Congo clawed back to lead 2-1 with just two minutes remaining before John scored again to force the shoot-out.

Kenya and defending champions Uganda got the tournament underway in Arusha with a drab goalless draw after which the Kenyans won on penalties.

The four teams then moved to Mwanza, where Uganda clinched third place by beating DR Congo 1-0. Referee Khamis Bhagazal caused controversy when ordering a converted penalty by Congo to be retaken because he said a Congolese player had encroached in the area. Following an animated discussion with his linesman, the referee then changed his decision, giving a free-kick to the Ugandans because he said the encroaching Congolese player had been offside!

A spectacular stoppage time goal from Tanzanian veteran Salvatory Edward ensured domestic success in the Final. His brilliant drive from 40 metres settled the game just as Kenya were threatening a late comeback, having been two goals down at one stage.

*Mark Gleeson*

## Round-up

Back to Africa...Henri Michel

### Michel in at Tunisia

FORMER French national team coach Henri Michel will lead **TUNISIA** at next year's World Cup finals, having taken Cameroon to USA 94 and Morocco to France 98. Michel resigned his post at Aris Salonika of Greece to take up the position. He succeeds German Eckhard Krautzen, whose contract was not renewed despite having taken Tunisia into the 2002 finals.

Elsewhere in **NORTH AFRICA**, **ALGERIA** beat Burkina Faso 2-0 in a Nations Cup warm-up international.

**MOROCCAN** international defender Youssef Belkhoja died of a heart attack during the Throne Cup semi-final between his club, Wydad Casablanca, and city rivals Raja. The 25-year-old collapsed early in the game and was dead on arrival at hospital.

### CENTRAL AFRICA

Cotonsport clinched the championship in **CAMEROON** with a game to spare, their 1-0 home win over Cintra putting them out of reach of Tonnerre Yaounde.

Etoile du Congo of Brazzaville retained the **CONGOLESE** League title, beating Pointe Noire-based Manchester 1-0 in the championship Final.

TP Mazembe secured their place in the **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO** League decider but were left waiting to find out their opponents. Kinshasa's DC Motema Pembe beat FC Saint Eloi Lupopo in the first leg of their semi-final tie but then missed their flight to Lubumbashi for the return. The two sides have been in dispute about whether to play again or whether Lupopo should progress to the Final.

Caixao won the **SAO TOME** championship by beating Sporting Praia Cruz 1-0 in the last match of the season.

### EAST AFRICA

EEPCO won the **ETHIOPIAN** Super Cup by beating St George 5-3 on aggregate in the Final.

AFC Leopards took **KENYA'S** Golden Moi Cup when beating holders Mathare United 2-0 in the Final. Teenager Justus Basweti, son of coach Mickey Weche, scored both the goals.

Sylersaid Mziray, who took **TANZANIA** to the 1994 East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup, is back as national coach.

Leo Adraa is the new national coach of **UGANDA**.

### SOUTHERN AFRICA

**ANGOLA'S** CAF Cup finalists, Inter Luanda, have announced that they will appoint Brazilian Itamar Correira, a former assistant coach at Botafogo, as their new coach for next year.

**SOUTH AFRICAN** champions Orlando Pirates have appointed the former Marseille defender Jean-Yves Kerjean as their new coach.

Meanwhile, SuperSport United fired coach Bruce Grobbelaar after a recent run of poor results.

Former **ZAMBIA** coach Samuel Ndhlovu, who took his country to third place at the 1990 Nations Cup finals, has died after a long illness.

### WEST AFRICA

Nations Cup hosts **MALI** have appointed former Polish World Cup star Henri Kasperczak as national coach, replacing the Italian Romano Matte. It is Kasperczak's fourth time in charge of an African nation, having previously led Ivory Coast, Tunisia and Morocco.

Meanwhile, Mali won a four-team tournament – staged to open their new March 26th stadium in Bamako – by beating Morocco in the Final. Gambia and a South African XI also competed.

Lille's Dagui Bakari has again rejected an invitation to play for the **IVORY COAST** in the Nations Cup finals. The France-born striker, who competed in this year's UEFA Champions League, did not arrive for a training camp held by the Ivorians in the south of France.

The **WAFU CUP**, due to be contested by the senior sides of eight West African countries, has been called off because of a lack of sponsorship. The event was supposed to take place first in Senegal and then in Ivory Coast in October; organisers are now hoping they might be able to organise the event in March or April next year.

In **GUINEA**, Horoya and Satellite FC made it through to the national championship Final after negotiating the newly-introduced two-group League stage. The winners should participate in next year's African Champions League, although Guinea are currently still suspended by FIFA after the government sacked the country's football federation.

**BENIN** were invited to replace Guinea at this month's Amilcar Cabral Cup, hosted by Mali.

Hearts of Oak are on course for a fifth successive **GHANAIAN** League title after going 10 points clear with seven rounds remaining.

Hearts captain Emmanuel Osei Kuffour was named

No show...Dagui Bakari

Footballer of the Year in Ghana for a second successive time.

**BURKINA FASO** international Natama Toussaint, 19, has signed a three-year contract at Belgian club Westerlo.

Second Division Dolphins surprisingly won the **NIGERIAN** FA Cup Final, beating El Kanemi Warriors 2-0 in Lagos.

*Mark Gleeson*

It's ours...Yokohama F Marinos players and officials parade the League Cup

# SOS for Edmundo

Verdy pin their survival hopes on the controversial Brazilian. Mike Plastow and Yumiko Nagae report

## JAPAN

TOKYO VERDY 1969 played their final card in the J.League Division One survival battle by signing firebrand Brazilian World Cup forward Edmundo for an undisclosed fee for their last five games of the season.

The two-and-a-half-month contract will also allow the 30-year-old to play for Verdy in the end-of-season Emperor's Cup.

Edmundo, who has never been far from controversy, on and off the pitch, was out of contract having been fired by Brazilian side Cruzeiro following a 3-0 defeat by Vasco da Gama. Before the game, the forward said he didn't want to score against his old club and, sure enough, he didn't, even missing a penalty.

Edmundo becomes the biggest J.League signing since Kashima Antlers' unfortunate adventure last year with his France 98 team-mate Bebeto, who scored only one goal in eight outings.

Verdy have taken a leaf out of Napoli's book in turning to Edmundo in their moment of need, and it looks like being another hard race. Two teams will be relegated from the top division at the end of the season, with the demoted sides determined by combining the First and Second Stage tables. With five games remaining, Verdy were second from bottom on 20 points, five adrift of Yokohama F Marinos and Sanfrecce Hiroshima.

Debutant goalkeeper Tatsuya Enomoto was Marinos' hero, saving three penalties as his side beat Jubilo Iwata 3-1 in a shoot-out to win the J.League Yamazaki Nabisco Cup (League Cup), the first big trophy of the 2001 season.

Jubilo were favourites, but Marinos had the better of the first half. They then defended stubbornly during the second half as Jubilo stepped up the pace. It was 0-0 after 90 minutes, extra time failed to produce a goal – and the stage was set for 22-year-old Enomoto to produce his shoot-out heroics.

## Round-up

### ASIA

Stepping in...Jo Bonfrere

FORMER Nigeria and Qatar coach Jo Bonfrere has taken over from Tini Ruijs as head coach of the **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.**

Bonfrere, presently working with Emirates champions Al Wahda, will take over in a caretaker capacity, on loan from the club, to prepare the national team for January's Gulf Cup in Saudi Arabia.

Former Asian champions Songnam Ilhwa won **SOUTH KOREA'S** K-League for the first time since 1995, finishing two points clear of defending champions Anyang Cheetahs.

Geylang United pipped Home United to the **SINGAPORE** League title before losing 8-0 to Home in the FA Cup Final.

Terengganu won the **MALAYSIAN** Cup for the first time, coming from behind to beat holders Perak 2-1.

The Asian Football Confederation has asked the **INDIAN** federation for a report on the IFA Shield Final – between East Bengal and Palmeiras of Brazil – which was abandoned after 30 minutes with the Brazilians leading 1-0 when the teams were involved in a mass brawl. Palmeiras were accused of a "gross act of indiscipline" by the Indian FA, who awarded the IFA Shield to East Bengal, none of whose players were punished for their part in the violence.

Four days later, the Calcutta club drew 1-1 with arch-rivals Mohun Bagan, a result that gave the latter their 25th League title.

*Michael Church, Azam Mahmood & G C Das*

### OCEANIA

A 5,335km one-way trip – believed to be the longest currently required by any team in the world to fulfil a domestic League fixture – proved no obstacle to pre-season favourites Perth Glory as they went on to hammer Auckland Kingz 7-2 in the fourth game of the new **AUSTRALIAN** championship. The result maintained Glory's 100 per cent record this season.

Veteran midfielder Ravuama Madigi was man of the match as Rewa captured **FIJI'S** Inter Districts Championship – soccer's blue riband event in the country – for the first time in 29 years. The 37-year-old's outstanding display in the Final, against his former team Ba, was capped when he hit home a spectacular free-kick for the only goal.

The **PAPUA NEW GUINEA** FA postponed this year's National Club Championship Final in the wake of an assault on ANZ University team members and referee Sosongan Salaiau by supporters and players of the Bugandi club during a semi-final encounter.

The fracas was triggered when two Bugandi defenders collided, one breaking a leg, as they challenged University's Reg Davani. Believing Davani to be responsible for the injury, around 20 fans of the Morobe-based side rushed on to the pitch and attacked the young striker, breaking his jaw in two places.

Another contingent of Bugandi supporters, aided by a few players, then assaulted Salaiau and Davani's team-mates. The attack was halted only when a tournament official produced a pistol and fired two shots into the air.

*Paul Moon*

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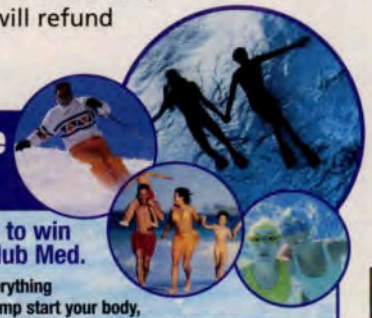

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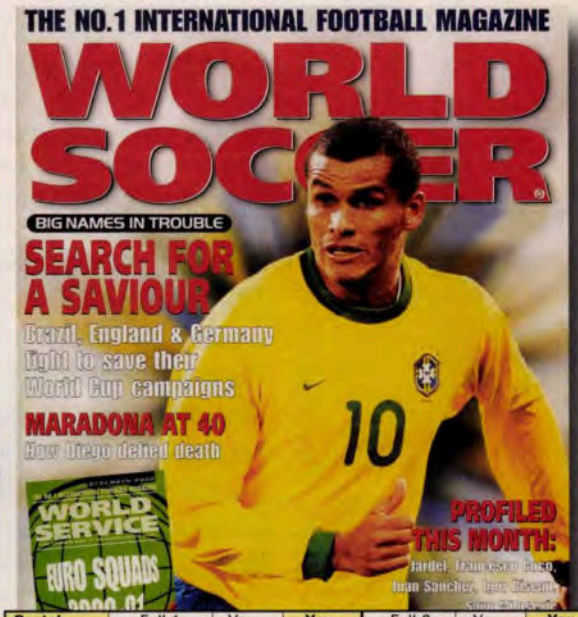


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# Brian Glanville's LAST WORD

'There had been infinite alarms in Israel, with suicide bombers operating and even the assassination of a cabinet minister'

Unified...Petit (centre), who refused to travel to Israel, was outstanding at Leeds four days later

## Chelsea Six had right to stay at home

ONE HAD slightly more sympathy with the Chelsea Six than the Chelsea Four, remembering, of course, that the Icelandic striker Eidur Gudjohnsen was, alas, a member of both.

He was among the four Chelsea players who disgraced themselves at the bar of a Heathrow hotel – upsetting already shocked Americans following the events of September 11 – and was then one of the six refuseniks when it came to the UEFA Cup match in Tel Aviv.

The non-travelling players have been accused of cowardice, dereliction of duty and betrayal of those comrades who did make the journey. Certainly they made discretion the better part of valour, and came to look unwontedly timorous in the wake of a trip that went off so peacefully.

Yet once the club had allowed their players to choose for themselves, it might be argued that the six had a right to stay at home. There had, after all, been infinite alarms in Israel, with suicide bombers operating and even the assassination of a cabinet minister, which the players heard about just after they arrived.

Nor did some of the critics of the six distinguish themselves. Four days after the match, the *Daily Telegraph* printed a leader of sublime vulgarity, which even went so far as to quote an illiterate anti-Chelsea chant emitted by Leeds supporters.

There might have been less of a reaction had the depleted Chelsea team not lost to Hapoel, but to what extent was this thanks to the desertion of the six, rather than to Claudio Ranieri's tactics and selection? It was hardly the occasion to launch an untried, teenage, centre-half, Jole Kitamirike, who looked dismally out of his depth.

But fears that Chelsea's unity would be shattered by what had happened were radically disproved when the team earned a point at Leeds four days later.

Emmanuel Petit, a refusenik three days earlier, had an outstanding game, even if another of the six, Graeme Le Saux, disgraced himself with that appalling foul on Danny Mills.

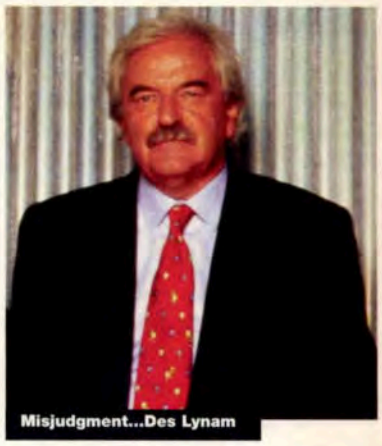
## Early highlights show was bound to fail

BRIAN BARWICK, Des Lynam and David Liddiment must still be wiping the egg off their faces. How could these three – respectively, head of ITV sport, the deeply revered presenter and the boss of ITV itself – ever have believed that 7pm on a Saturday was the right and proper time to put on their successor to *Match of the Day*?

It's even reported Barwick would have liked to put the programme on at 6pm!

Surely they all knew Saturday evening on the commercial wavelength is the time for trash TV, such as Cilla Black's ghastly, mouldering *Blind Date*? Even *Match of the Day* itself – much missed by so many of us, I am sure – never achieved major viewing figures. The notion that such a programme would appeal to women in this new age of football's supposedly irresistible popularity was naive to the point of idiocy.

For my part, I was really sorry to see the



Misjudgment...Des Lynam

Beeb losing the programme. Lynam in his time was a highly professional anchor; Alan Hansen and Trevor Brooking (often so unfairly criticised) an admirable double act; and when Gary Lineker became the knowledgeable presenter, with Mark Lawrenson joining the team, it was still an entertaining and perceptive programme.

The ITV version has, to a large degree, recovered from its wretched, gimmicky start, rightly ridiculed by the likes of Giles Smith in the *Telegraph*. But why did they think a 7pm, let alone a 6pm, programme would be welcomed by those of us who actually went to matches and often hadn't a hope of getting back in time? Nor much enthusiasm for watching the midnight re-run.

## Angel pronunciation does not delight

WHEN will somebody take those tele-morons aside and give them brief lessons in pronunciation? How good it is to see Juan Pablo Angel, the Colombian striker, flying appropriately high at last with Aston Villa after a wretched start, when his early days in Birmingham were cruelly blighted by the illness of his wife and baby.

The proper pronunciation of his name – credit here to Des Lynam – is, in the Spanish style, 'Anhel'. It would be justifiable to use simply the English version and call him 'Angel'. But the moronic 'Angle' is simply absurd.

Credit, too, to ITV's Bob Wilson, who seems just about the only TV commentator to call Gerard Houllier Gerard 'Oullier, which of course is how the French pronounce his name.

Surely this is not all that hard for the telly goons to master? Or is it? Sometimes you wonder whether some of them take an intelligence test and are appointed, provided they fail. It would certainly not be failed by the ever-amusing, highly competent, cheekily double entendre-orientated James Richardson of the Channel 4 *Gazzetta Football Italia* show. How sad they can no longer give us live Italian soccer on a Sunday.

## All Greek to Barnwell

THE England-Greece World Cup qualifier in October left John Barnwell with super-abundant egg on his face. Hard on the heels of England's 5-1 win in Germany, the chief executive of the League Managers' Association ineptly returned to the charge, deploring the fact that the FA had appointed a foreigner as national team coach, however well Sven Goran Eriksson had done. "No other major country has a foreign coach," thundered Barnwell. "In Greece, it's even part of their constitution that they don't have one."

Wake up, John! Who was in charge of the Greek team that so seriously embarrassed England in Manchester? Why, German Otto Rehhagel!

## Unremarkable players can become good coaches

ALAN CURBISHLEY, the accomplished young manager of Charlton, was absolutely right to deplore the fact that football management here is becoming something of a closed shop.

Peterborough's Barry Fry was also quite right to lament that managers are not recruited from non-League sources.

How significant it is that in super professional Italy, there has always been room for what Napoleon called the career open to talents.

We all know about Arrigo Sacchi observing: "You don't have to have been a horse to be a jockey." He never even kicked a ball in decent amateur soccer, yet took Italy to a World Cup Final and twice managed Milan.

Now there's Serse Cosmi, never a footballer of any consequence, making his way upwards through minor clubs, but now such a resourceful coach at Perugia.

Closer to home, the late Bertie Mee was no kind of coach at all, no famous footballer, yet as physio turned manager, a Double winner at Arsenal.

Spoils of victory...Mee led Arsenal to the Double

## Aston and the Battle of Santiago

THE recent death of Essex referee Ken Aston brings memories of the notorious Battle of Santiago in the Chilean World Cup of 1962.

The Chile-Italy game was clearly going to be something of a bloodbath before a ball was kicked. The local press, incensed by a couple of highly derogatory articles about the Chilean capital by Italian correspondents, had already been whipping up fury against the Italians.

The game had hardly begun when the home side were spitting in their opponents' faces, but it was Italian Giorgio Ferrini who was first to be sent off, after only seven minutes, when he retaliated to a kick from behind.

Aston was to send off a second Italian, Mario David, but no Chilean. Not even Leonel Sanchez, Chile's left winger, who broke the nose of Humberto Maschio, Italy's Argentinian inside-right, with a left hook. You could hardly blame Aston for that. It happened behind his back and was ignored by American linesman Leo Goldstein.

Off you go...Aston dismisses Ferrini

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Chile won 2-0, with both goals coming in the last 15 minutes. Aston described the game as "uncontrollable" and later limped round Santiago followed by his loyal Sancho Panza, a small man from Peterborough. Italian and French newspapers, however, excoriated him.

Aston had also refereed the opening game of the tournament, between Chile and Switzerland, in that same Santiago stadium.

Before the game, he condemned all five of the match balls provided but nevertheless began the game while sending into the city for a Swedish ball, which arrived some 10 minutes into the second half.

Aston joined FIFA's refereeing committee soon after Chile and was in charge of it for the 1966 and 1970 World Cups.

German referee Rudolf Kreitlein sent off the Argentinian captain, Antonio Rattin, during the England-Argentina quarter-final at the former tournament. Aston was among those who shielded Kreitlein as he left the field.

# From the archives...

# December 1970

JOHAN CRUYFF was flavour of the month 31 years ago, pictured in action on the cover and described inside as "Holland's most valuable and gifted player".

Yet the forward, then 23, was already noted for having a 'difficult' temperament. Following a protest over a refereeing decision during an early appearance for Holland, in 1966, "Cruyff was alleged to have struck the official and been sent off. Film later showed that it was more a gesture than intentional, but he was suspended for six months from the national side".

Much more recently, as reported elsewhere in the issue, Cruyff was in dispute with his club, Ajax, over his physical condition. He had walked off the field in a recent game, saying he was injured.

"After examination, however, the Ajax medical unit insisted there was nothing wrong with Cruyff," wrote Hans Molenaar. "This brought a furious retort from him: 'I am accused of inventing injury. Why should I? It only costs me money.'"

The Dutchman's career was flourishing, but for *World Soccer*, in 1970, Santiago Bernabeu was "Football's most incredible man". Norman Cutler's profile of the 75-year-old Real Madrid president paid tribute to his overwhelming influence in the development of the club.

"He has scored goals for Real, captained the side, managed the team, directed the day-to-day business, signed players and become a great father figure," wrote Cutler. "It would just not be Real Madrid without him."

Cutler also profiled Roma coach Helenio Herrera, who was recuperating after a "near-death" car crash just outside Florence. In other news from Italy, Arthur Rotmil revealed that the number of "foreign-born players in this favourite hunting ground of soccer mercenaries" had shrunk to just 16, and the youngest of those was 28.

For Brian Glanville, discussing the British game, "centre-halves of any real stature" were even harder to find, with only Billy McNeill at Rangers and Spurs' Mike England coming into this category. That season, according to Glanville, Leeds' Jack Charlton, at 35, had "been struggling; and why, at that age, shouldn't he? In due course, he will make a splendid manager."

His managerial career did, indeed, take off, denying us the chance to see if he could have made it as a guitarist.

Meanwhile, South American correspondent Eric Weil had discovered a goalscoring keeper in Brazil. Ubirajara of Flamengo scored in a win over Portuguesa, a feat Weil described as "noteworthy, even though the ball was helped along by a strong wind and rival keeper, Paulo Roberto, was tying his laces at the time".

NORMAN CUTLER—on the man who cannot keep out of the news

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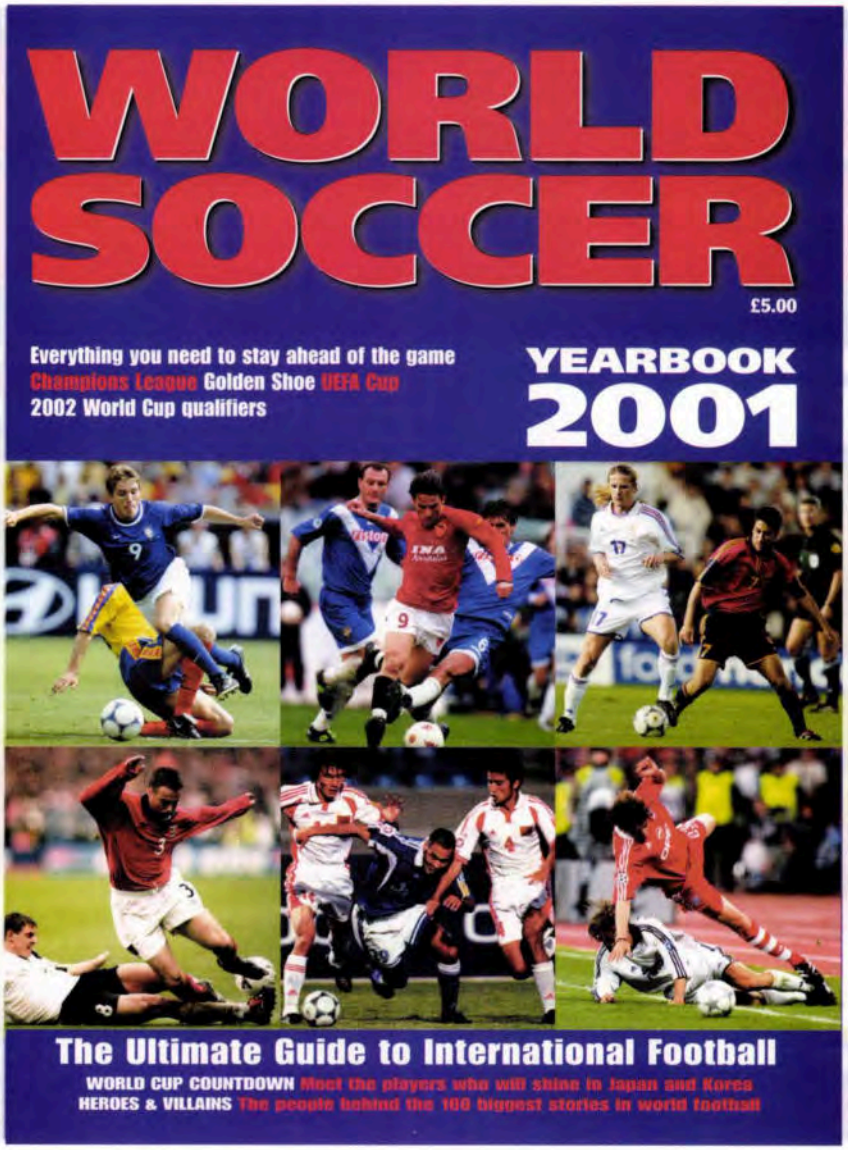


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